



The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

By Authority: FCDCC, Tony Soltero, Treasurer

November 2022

CHAIR'S CORNER

Chairwoman Deborah Carter

This will be my last Chair's Corner. Thank you for allowing me to work for Frederick County Dems over the last twelve years!

I wish I had the space to express individually how each DCC member has contributed to our efforts this year; suffice to say that we all owe this Central Committee more than I can express. I will take a moment to thank our long-time treasurer, Tony Soltero, for his four terms of service. I appreciate his willingness to do a thankless job and wish him a happy retirement.

Let's end my final term with a bang and get out every single Democratic voter next week to support Jessica Fitzwater for County Executive, Karl Bickel for Sheriff, the Students First Slate for Board of Education, and ALL the wonderful Dems up and down the ballot. Talk about the importance of this election with your friends, neighbors, family, and colleagues. If you've already returned your mail-in ballot, offer to drive a buddy to the polls. Let everyone know that early voting is going on through Thursday, just in case they're busy on November 8.

Then please join us at our election night watch party. Details are still being finalized as I write this, so stay tuned for the event info – you'll find it on our Facebook page and website calendar, as well as in next week's Blue Wave email.

In other news, the Central Committee will have four openings after November 8. We are now accepting applications to fill these seats; to qualify, you must be a resident of Frederick County and a registered Democrat. The applicants selected may be any combination of male, female, and nonbinary individuals.

We are looking for folk with the time and commitment to work to grow the Democratic Party in Frederick County. Our regular meetings are held in our office the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. In addition, each member serves on at least one subcommittee.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Democratic Central Committee, please submit a letter of interest that includes your name, address, email and phone number, along with a brief resume. Applications should be emailed no later than November 7 to info@frederickdemocrats.org. Applicants must also be available for a brief interview on the evening of November 14.

My last DCC meeting will be on the second Thursday, November 10. Please join us as we pass the torch to new officers and meet the members who were elected in July.




Join fellow Democrats and several candidates for fun, food, and fellowship as we gather to watch the election results. RSVP and more details coming soon!



We are looking for Poll Watchers and Poll Monitors for Early Voting and Election Day. If you are interested or to get more information, please send an email to volunteers@frederickdemocrats.org

The Rest Of the Story

The Crazy's are Amongst Us Part IV

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

The Rest of the Story – Tom Slater, Democratic Party Historian: “The Crazy's are Amongst Us Part IV”

“It is that fundamental belief – I am my brother’s keeper. I am my sister’s keeper – that makes this country work. It’s what allows us to pursue out individual dreams, and yet still come together as one single American family. E pluribus unum. Out of many, one.

“Now even as we speak, there are those who are prepared to divide us. The spin masters, the negative ad peddlers who embrace the politics of ‘anything goes.’ Well, I say to them tonight: there is not a liberal America and a conservative America – there’s the United States of America. There is not a Black America and a white America and Latino America and Asian America; there is the United States of America. The pundits like to slice and dice our country into red states and blue states: red states for Republicans, blue states for Democrats. But I’ve got news for them, too. We worship an awesome God in the blue states, and we don’t like federal agents poking around our libraries in the red states. We coach Little League in the blue states and yes, we’ve got some gay friends in the red states. There are patriots who opposed the war in Iraq and there are patriots who supported the war in Iraq. We are one people, all of us pledging allegiance to the stars and stripes, all of us defending the United States of America.”

Those words, spoken by U.S. Senate candidate Barack Obama at the 2004 Democratic Convention in Boston, made Obama an instant celebrity and started him on his journey to the U.S. presidency. When one looks back, those words seem quaint, from another time and place. Since then we

have had the Tea Party movement, the increasing radicalization of social media with such groups as QAnon, and the very antithesis of Obama: Donald Trump, the MAGA movement, and the radicalization of the Republican Party.

My first vote was cast for a Republican, Spiro Agnew for Governor of Maryland in 1966. I voted for Agnew because his Democratic opponent, George P. Mahoney, ran on an overt racist slogan: “Your Home is Your Castle, Protect It.” He was an extremist, and Agnew was perceived as the more moderate of the two (later we discovered that Agnew was a crook and not so moderate.) Over the years, Maryland and Frederick County have produced reasonable, rational, and responsible Republican office-holders including Theodore McKeldin, Connie Morella, Gilbert Gude, Charles “Mac” Mathias, Jack Derr, Paul Stull, Joe Baldi, Terry Rhoderick, David Brinkley, Patrick Hogan, Louise Snodgrass, Adrian McC. Remsberg, Richard Grossnickle, Charles Keller, and Anita Stup, to name just a few. Today, finding a reasonable, rational, and responsible Republican candidate takes a lot of work. To be sure, our party has some extremists, but the Republican Party has been captured by Trump and his minions and has become too radical for Frederick, Maryland, and America.

Just a few examples of the radical nature of today’s Republican party:

- The Brookings Institute found that 36% of Republican candidates in this year’s election identified as MAGA Republicans, whereas only 1.5% of Democrats identified as socialists.
- Two Republicans who are running for County Commission in Carroll County, and likely winners, want to bring back commissioner-led prayers before each meeting, even after the county settled a lawsuit over this question, paid \$125,00 to the ACLU for legal fees, and agreed to stop the practice of commissioner prayers before meetings.



- Paraphrasing respected conservative former Judge Michael Luttig’s testimony before the January 6 Committee: if former president (Trump) or his anointed successor were to lose the 2024 election, they would attempt to overturn the 2024 election in the same way that they attempted to overturn the 2020 election.
- The Republican National Committee is working with prominent election conspiracy theorist Cleta Mitchell to coach thousands of poll workers in battleground states.
- In the 19 most closely watched senatorial and gubernatorial races this year, twelve of the Republican candidates have declined to say whether they will accept the election results.
- The Institute for Research and Education on Human Rights found more than one in five Republican state legislators in the United States affiliated with far-right groups. A similar study of Facebook found that 22% of Republican state legislators were members of far-right groups.

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- Two days after the mass shooting in Uvaldi, Texas, that killed 19 children and two teachers, every Republican in the United States Senate voted against a domestic terrorism bill.
- The Frederick County Republican Central Committee's 2022 Lincoln-Reagan Dinner featured Congresswoman Lauren Boebert as the guest speaker, and in Washington County the Republican dinner first publicized Marjorie Taylor Greene as speaker, but when she had a scheduling conflict, Congressman Matt Gaetz was her replacement. All election deniers!
- Texas Republicans at their 2022 annual convention voted to declare that the election of Joe Biden was not legitimate, voted to rebuke their own Republican Senator, John Cornyn, for attempting to negotiate a very limited gun control bill in the U.S. Senate, voted to declare that homosexuality was an "abnormal life style" and that trans people suffer from "a genuine and extremely rare mental health condition," voted to repeal the federal income tax amendment and the amendment calling for the direct election of U.S. Senators, voted to abolish the Federal Reserve, and voted to affirm Texas's right to secede from the Union.

I could give many, many more examples of Republican extremism, but time and space are limited.

Of course, Republican extremism exists right here in Frederick County. In my column in the October Banner I detailed how extreme County Executive candidate Michael Hough is. The Republican statewide candidates' extremism is well documented. Sheriff Jenkins' administration of the 287(g) program has been roundly criticized, as well as his responses to a survey when he stated that the Black Lives Matter movement and the media were a threat to the safety of our country, but the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys were not. He also stated that he is willing to interpose on behalf of county residents when he believes a state or federal law is unjust. A person can be both a "good old boy" and an extremist. We all know how extreme the

"Hate Slate" for the Board of Education is. If they had their way, education in Frederick County as we know it would be set back years.

If you want to discover the extremists who are running for election this year, just ask them these four questions:

1. Did you vote for Donald Trump for President in 2020?
2. Do you believe that the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump?
3. Do you believe that birth begins at conception and therefore all abortions should be banned without exceptions?
4. Do you believe that the 2nd amendment prohibits all reasonable restrictions on gun ownership?

If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes," it is not unfair to label the candidate an extremist.

In this election, democracy is on the ballot as well as the rights of women to control their bodies.

Vote for Democrats – Save Democracy.



Editor's Corner

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Hope you enjoyed reading!

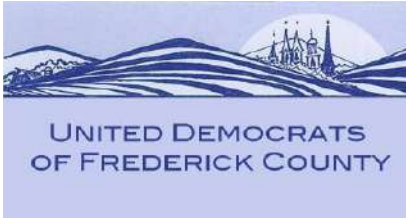
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Don't forget to check the calendar on our web site to keep up with Democratic meetings, candidate events, and more!

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



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

All the candidates, campaigns and volunteers have been very busy at various events and knocking on doors. We are so lucky to live in such an active community of Democrats. The UDFC did not have a October meeting, since it was more important to use that time contacting voters. Thank you to all the people who have worked so hard this year and we hope we have a lot to celebrate in the weeks and months ahead.

The UDFC will be waiting until after the election to hold our November membership meeting, since election eve will be busy with sign distribution and last-minute campaigning. This will be a short meeting on Monday, November 14th at 7pm via Zoom to take care of administrative responsibilities. The current officers and board end their term in early 2023. One of the items of business will be to form a nomination committee and to take nominations for the election. Please use this link to register for the event: Nov 14th Meeting Registration. You must be a member in good standing to run for office (dues paid in full). If you have any questions, please contact us via email (see below).

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!



Democratic HQ Office Hours:



Mondays: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesdays: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1080 W. Patrick Street, suite 4,
 Frederick (tucked in the corner to the right of the ALDI store) in the Vista Shoppe/Hillcrest Plaza
 HQ Phone #240-877-7453

November 2022 At-a-Glance



**Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting
 Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

Democratic HQ located at 1080 W. Patrick Street (in the corner to the right of the ALDI grocery store in the Vista Shoppes/Hillcrest Plaza.

**North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
 Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

Thurmont Regional Library, 76 E. Moser Rd, Thurmont
 (Please bring a non-perishable item for the area food bank.)

**United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Virtual Meeting
 Monday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

Please register in advance at:
[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

**Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting
 Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

Democratic HQ located at 1080 W. Patrick Street (in the corner to the right of the ALDI grocery store in the Vista Shoppes/Hillcrest Plaza.

**South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
 Saturday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m.**

Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd, Frederick

**Women's Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting
 Monday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

Democratic HQ located at 1080 W. Patrick Street (in the corner to the right of the ALDI grocery store in the Vista Shoppes/Hillcrest Plaza.



Shawn Perry

My name is Shawn Perry, and I am running for the District 2 Senate seat. I am a United States Army veteran, retired law enforcement officer, advocate against elder abuse, mental health proponent, youth football coach, father, brother, and friend. In every area of my life, I have witnessed the importance of service, sacrifice, and community. These fundamental principles have guided me throughout my life. With your support, I will take them to Annapolis.

Education

- Secure a fully funded budget for our school.
- Expand technical and trade school programs.
- Advocate for higher teacher pay.

Community services

- Support full funding for fire, police, and EMS services.
- Promote assistance programs for seniors, youth, and individuals with disabilities.

Economy

- Bolster economic development, small businesses, and infrastructure.
- Reinforce unions and workers rights to collectively bargain.

AUTHORIZED BY SHAWN PERRY FOR THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, TREASURER DONNA NAVE



Lisa Jarosinski

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By Authority: Brooke Lierman for Maryland, Candace Dodson-Reed, Treasurer

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COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
BY AUTHORITY OF ROBERT BOWINS, TREASURER

OUR CINDIDATE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

TUESDAY NOV 8 - 8pm
MT. CITY ELKS LODGE #382
173 W. All Saints ST

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE FOLLOW:
DUCKETT FOR FREDERICK

Authority of Robert Bowins, Treasurer



WDL
Women's Democratic League
Frederick County, Maryland

*Join the Women's Democratic League
of Frederick County for our next
Monthly Meeting*

Monday, November 17
6:30 pm

Where: Democratic HQ
1080 W. Patrick Street, Suite 4, Frederick
(tucked in the corner to the right of the ALDI grocery store in the Vista
Shoppes/Hillcrest Plaza)

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

Special Edition: DNC Members' Report

*** PLEASE SHARE WIDELY WITH YOUR CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ***



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Bob Kresslein

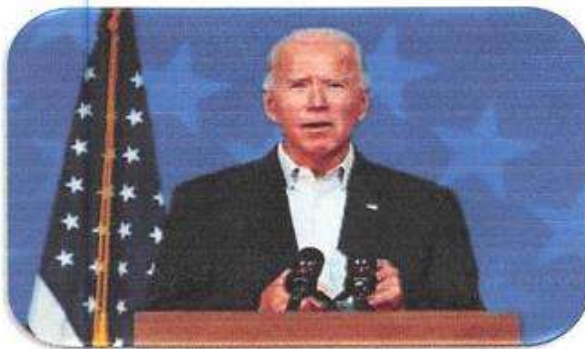


Robbie Leonard

As your elected representatives to the Democratic National Committee, it is our great honor to share news and information from the DNC Summer Meeting, held September 8-10, 2022, at the Gaylord National Resort & Conference Center, Oxon Hill, Maryland.

The DNC Summer Meeting was absolutely amazing. We were so very proud of being the host state. We were also proud of State Party Chair Yvette Lewis who we believe was instrumental in Maryland being selected by the DNC as the host location.

We had the honor of hearing from President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff and Maryland's Democratic nominee for Governor Wes Moore. Both gentlemen were ushered to the Regional Caucuses where brief comments were made. Mr. Emhoff spoke about the accomplishments of the Biden-Harris Administration. Wes Moore spoke about his commitment to "LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND".



Day 1 ended with a special appearance by President Joe Biden who applauded the Democratic Party for supporting the Biden/Harris agenda and for succinctly articulating to the American people that Maga Republicans are pushing an extreme agenda that: (a) puts special interest first; (b) divides our country; (c) would harm American families; (d) attacks our freedoms; (e) pushes to ban abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest; (f) puts Social Security and Medicare on the chopping block; (g) repeals the Affordable Care Act; and sabotages the Inflation Reduction Act

The DNC Summer Meeting ended with a passionate speech from Vice President Kamala Harris.

She stressed the fact that working together collaboratively, the Biden/Harris Administration and Democrats in the U.S. Congress are building a better America and delivering for families.



The General Session meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. and ended at approximately 2:30 pm

The following measures were approved at the General Session Meeting:

- Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States
- Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention
- Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY G. BROWN, 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, MARYLAND

Congressman Anthony G. Brown addressed the DNC at the General Session Meeting about the November 8, 2022, mid-term General Election and the critical importance of everyone voting to ensure the election of Democrats up and down the ballot.



Maryland's DNC Team: L-R

- Cheryl Landis, Maryland State Delegate (D23)
- Bel Leong Hong, Chair, AAPI Caucus
- Yvette Lewis, Chair, Maryland Democratic Party
- Bob Kresslein, Treasurer, Maryland Democratic Party
- Robbie Leonard, MDP Secretary (not present)

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Chris Van Hollen - [Website](#)

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DISTRICT 6
David Trone - [Website](#)

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Statewide

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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2
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STATE SENATE
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Karen Lewis Young - [Website](#)

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THE 2022 GUBERNATORIAL
GENERAL ELECTION**

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M. C. Keegan-Ayer - [Website](#)

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Kavonte Duckett - [Website](#)

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5
Julianna Lufkin - [Email](#)

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CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
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REGISTER OF WILLS
Chris Manners - [Email](#)

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