



# The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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## CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

A few days ago, we held our second Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club ("Plow-Fish") event of the year with Special Guest Steuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County Executive. We appreciate Mr. Pittman for taking time to come and talk with Plow-Fish members and guests, and Paul Fulcher and Alejandro Maurosa for serving as our host and welcoming us into their home. We also thank everyone who supported this event. Later this year, we will host our final Plow-Fish event of the year. Stay tuned for that date and details regarding our special guest.

If you're out and about in downtown Frederick today, we'd love for you to pop by our table at First Saturday, 3:00-5:00, at the corner of W. Patrick and Market Streets. For the next few weeks of the summer, we'll continue to be present at several other community events. Stop by and say hello! We also would love your help to staff our tent. Specifically, we will be at the In the Streets Festival next Saturday, 9 September; Great Frederick Fair,

Friday 15 September – Saturday, 23 September; and the Middletown Heritage Festival, Saturday, 23 September. Click [here](#) to view available shifts and to sign up for the event(s) and shift(s) of your choice.

Regarding the Great Frederick Fair, volunteers will, as always, be able to get parking passes and free admission. More information about shift leader and volunteer duties, and details regarding parking and fair passes will be included in an email I will send all fair volunteers in the next few days, and during a 30-minute virtual Q & A in Zoom for Fair volunteers on Tuesday, 5 September at 7 PM. Please register for the virtual Q & A [here](#).

In preparation for the Fair, the Central Committee will not hold a public monthly meeting in September. Our next public meeting will be Tuesday, 17 October, at 6:30 PM at the Common Market off of Route 85.

The Maryland Democratic Party (MDP) is hiring a Regional Organizer for Western Maryland for the 2024 campaign cycle. It'd be great if the person selected was from Frederick County. You can learn all the details and specifics [here](#). We cannot answer any questions you may have. Please direct any questions to Justin Butler at the MDP, [jbutler@MDDems.org](mailto:jbutler@MDDems.org).

As I mentioned last month, it's not too early to think about being an election judge (aka poll worker) for the 2024 presidential elections. You can get the details, including how to apply, compensation, and more on the Frederick County Board of Elections [website](#).

## Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for volunteers, to help us staff our Democrat Booth at various events, canvassing, and our Get Out the Vote efforts. Please click on the link below for more information and to sign up.

[Volunteer Today](#)



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

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





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

*The Rest of the Story*

Andy Harris has represented the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Maryland since January 2011. Before that, he represented Baltimore County in the Maryland Senate. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, is an anesthesiologist and participated in Operation Desert Storm while in the Navy Medical Corps. He is emblematic of what is wrong with today's Republican Party. He is a MAGA Republican and a part of the House Freedom Caucus. He opposes abortion, supports an overly restrictive federal balanced budget amendment, opposes earmarks, questions whether human activity has contributed to climate change, opposed the Affordable Care Act, does not support a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, is opposed to protections from discrimination for the LGBTQ+ community and proposed a constitutional amendment to protect marriage between a man and a woman, opposes the decriminalization of marijuana, opposed most COVID restrictions, and supported an amicus brief contesting the results of the 2020 election. Recently, as the prime sponsor of the House Appropriation Committee's agricultural bill, Harris supported the reduction or elimination of WIC (the Special Supplemental

Nutrition Program, for Women, Infants, and Children) benefits for roughly 4.6 million women while at the same time he applauded the Supreme Court's *Doubs* decision, which will cause many women to give birth to babies that they cannot support. He also supports the reduction of food stamp benefits. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, he supported the stripping of money for three LGBTQA community projects comparing an LGBTQ+ center in Philadelphia to a Ku Klux Klan project. He has objected to the funding of medical treatment for transgendered Americans as "gender-denying mutilation." Harris, when informed of Trump's indictment in New York City, said that "we live in a third world banana republic where the justice system is weaponized against political opponents."

My own personal test for whether a person is an extremist and therefore not worthy of even reasonable engagement involves six questions:

1. Did you vote for Donald Trump in 2020 in spite of ample evidence that he is a serious narcissist whose actions as President seriously undermined American democracy and our standing in the world; and do you believe his nonsense that the 2020 election was stolen?
2. Do you believe that abortion is evil, that life begins at conception, and that there should never be exceptions to the prohibition of abortions even for rape and the health of the mother?
3. Do you believe that the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment is absolute and that there can be no limitations on the right to bear arms?
4. Do you believe that there are circumstances when it is justifiable to discriminate against or to treat a person different because of race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation?

5. Do you think that under no circumstances should a person who entered the United States illegally should ever be granted citizenship even if that person was brought into the country as a child and has become Americanized with demonstrated success in school and/or employment?
6. Do you believe that most Democrats are Socialists, that President Biden has dementia, and that Kamala Harris is incompetent?

If people answers yes to any of these six questions, I consider them an extremist. Congressman Harris' history suggests that his answer to all of these questions would be yes. Applying this test, I contend that most Republicans are not extremists but, unfortunately today, many are.

Republicans as extremists have not always been the case. Just looking at the most recent history of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Maryland, Harris' immediate predecessor, one sees that Wayne Gilchrest was a moderate Republican with a strong record on environmental issues. He was co-chairman of the Congressional Climate Change Caucus. He spoke in favor of same sex-marriage and supported the repeal of the military's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy. After Harris defeated Gilchrest in the Republican primary in 2008, Gilchrest supported Frank Kratovil, the Democratic nominee for Congress. Kratovil defeated Harris in 2008, but Harris came back to defeat Kratovil in 2010. Another one of Harris' Republican predecessors was Rogers C.B. Morton, who represented the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District from 1963 to 1971. While not as moderate as Gilchrest, Morton was a reasonable person who supported the preservation of the Chesapeake Bay and the creation of a national park on Assateague Island. He also voted for the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965.

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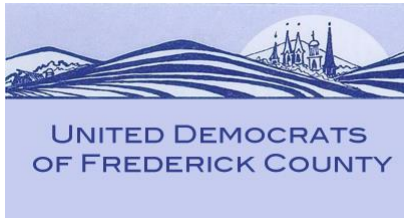
He served as Chair of the Republican National Committee, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Commerce, and Counselor to President Ford.

Other Republicans have represented Maryland in Congress with distinction including Helen Delich Bentley, Charles Mac Mathias, Connie Morella, Newton Steers, Gilbert Gude, Larry Hogan, J. Glenn Beall, Jr., and Dewitt Hyde. None of their records comes close to the blatant extremism of Andy Harris.

Ironically, just last month in the Baltimore Sun, columnist Dan Rodricks wrote about a former Democratic Maryland Congressman whose name was Benjamin G. Harris. Harris was an attorney who had previously served in the Maryland House of Delegates. This Congressman Harris served in Congress during the American Civil War and was one of 56 members of the U.S. House of Representatives who voted against adopting the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which abolished slavery. Rodricks described Harris as a “white-hot racist” who was censured for praying on the House floor for a Confederate victory. Harris was eventually found guilty of treason by a military court for giving “aid and comfort” to the enemy by allowing confederates to stay in his house in St. Mary’s County. After the Civil War Harris fought to disenfranchise Black citizens in Maryland. Harris lived for 30 years after the Civil War, and Democrats in Southern Maryland urged Harris to run again for Congress, but he refused. According to Rodricks, Harris’ refusal to run again for Congress was “no doubt to the great benefit of Maryland, the nation and humanity.” The same could be said if the current Congressman Harris from the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District would decide not to run for Congress again.



Andy Harris, former Maryland State Senator, First Congressional District



## UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

All UDFC Members and Friends-

**UDFC is holding a joint meeting with WDL** on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at Café 611. We’ll begin at 7 PM at 611 North Market Street with a moment of silence in honor of the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of September 11, 2001, followed by a sharing of remembrances from that day. Following the opening we will have a presentation by our Maryland State Senator Karen Lewis Young about Maryland’s Blueprint for Education. Senator Young will discuss the legislative history, funding, and ongoing legislative implementation issues for the Blueprint, followed with a Q & A session.

A reminder to all UDFC Members from Mari Lee, Democratic Central Committee Chair and Secretary of UDFC:

*The Great Frederick Fair is a few weeks away, and we need as many hands as possible to help staff our Democratic tent. As in past years, UDFC has dubbed*

*the Thursday of Fair Week as United Democrats Day. The hope is that the UDFC members will volunteer for at least one shift that day. Of course, you are welcome to schedule any other time slot too. You can access the sign-up here:*

[https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/freddems\\_gff\\_2023](https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/freddems_gff_2023).

We hope that everyone who can do so, join us September 15-23 at the Dems tent to celebrate our Frederick County Fair! This is a suggestion made last month in the August Banner UDFC article: NOTE: Just a suggestion, anyone who submits entries of baked goods; cakes, cookies, breads, muffins, or jam into the fair for judging, gets an automatic free pass to use to enter the fair every day the fair is open. The pass gives you more flexibility for entering the Fair to volunteer!! Keep your eyes open for the details that are posted closer to fair time for entry procedures at the **Home Goods and Food Preservation** exhibit hall.

WDL 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:

Remember to buy your tickets! WDL 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at Ceresville Manor, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023. Visit WDL website for your tickets!!  
<https://www.wdlfrederick.org>

UDFC AUDIT TEAM:

In closing, UDFC would like to give a thank you to the Audit committee: Melanie Galloway, Diane Kantner, and Mari Lee. This team worked very hard for 2 months to produce the first (to the best of our knowledge) audit in 42 years! They put in many hours and had multiple meetings to present a finished product.

We would like to thank each one of them for their efforts on behalf of UDFC!

Looking forward to seeing all of you September 11<sup>th</sup> and September 15-23 at

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the Great Frederick Fair

- Maureen Grayzeck  
President, UDFC



**WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY**

The Women's Democratic League of Frederick County will be holding a joint meeting with the UDFC on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Café 611 in Frederick. State Senator Karen Lewis Young will be the guest speaker and the program will focus on Maryland's Blueprint for Education. We will be taking a moment of silence to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. In honor of the anniversary, we will be sharing memories from that terrible day.

We will be celebrating WDL Day at the Great Frederick Fair on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. WDL members are encouraged to volunteer for a shift at the Frederick Democrat's tent.

You are invited to join the WDL for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, October 11, at Ceresville Mansion. The WDL was founded by 200 newly franchised women on October 4, 1923. The WDL is the longest-continuously meeting democratic club in Maryland. Tickets are on sale and sponsorships are still available. Please [click here](#) for more information.

I hope you will join us for our next meeting!

- Shelly Beaird-Francois, President



August WDL Meeting – Renee Knapp, Frederick County Council At-Large



Bob Kresslein, Member, Democratic National Committee

**Democratic National Committee Preps for Chicago Convention and 2024 Election**

DNC Chair Jaime Harrison held a teleconference with members of the Democratic National Committee on Friday August 18. Chair Harrison updated the members as to the progress of preparations for the 2024 Democratic National Convention which opens on August 19, 2024 in Chicago. We also heard from leaders of the Biden-Harris Campaign and saw a number of early campaign ads to run late summer.

I also want to make Frederick Democrats aware that there are numerous openings and opportunities to work for the DNC in connection with the upcoming campaign.

If you or someone you know may be interested in a position please go to <https://democrats.org/take-action/work-with-us/> or the whole list and links to application forms:

Some opportunities include:

**Coalitions**

[Black Coalitions Director](#) Washington, DC (DNC HQ)

[Coalitions Manager](#) Washington, DC (DNC HQ)

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[Women's Coalition Director](#) Washington, DC (DNC HQ)

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[Fundraising Analyst](#) Washington, DC (Remote)

[Software Engineer II](#) Washington, DC (Remote)

## State parties

Our state Democratic Parties are also hiring all across the country, and we're looking for talented Democrats to help fill those roles. **Go to** <https://democrats.org/who-we-are/state-parties/jobs/>

## Supplier diversity

We are always working on creating paths for equal opportunity. One of those paths is growing our diverse vendors database to better identify, effectively search, increase, and lift up awareness of diverse vendors for contract holders within the DNC and partners across the Democratic ecosystem. Learn more at <https://democrats.org/diverse-vendor-directory/>

## Interested in an internship?

The DNC's internship program is dedicated to training and investing in the next generation of leaders. **Go to** <https://democrats.org/internships>

## Talent bank

The DNC Talent Bank is an effort to help state parties and campaigns find the best applicants for a wide range of positions from field organizers to digital directors and communications staff. If you are interested in joining a state party or campaign this cycle, and in years to come, **Go to** <https://jobs.lever.co/dnc/57be1882-9c54-4802-a60e-f78a97d3a113> All levels of experience and fields of interest are encouraged to apply.

I will be travelling to St Louis in early October for the DNC Fall meeting and will update you on my return.

- Bob



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### **Banner Newsletter Ideas?**

Send me an email with your ideas, materials, or feedback for consideration.

Hope you enjoyed reading!

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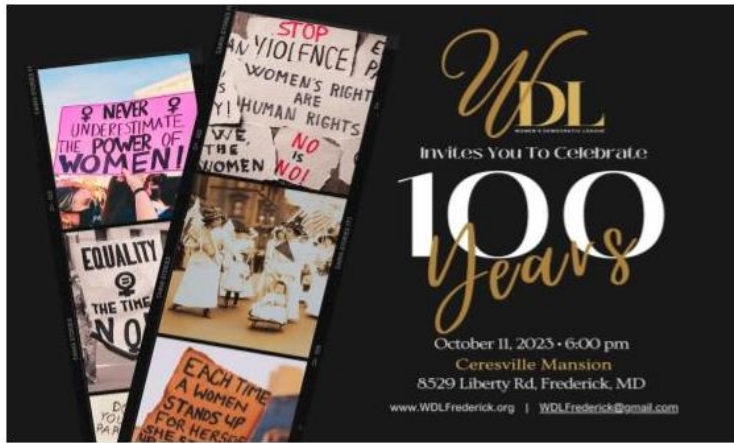
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**Women’s Democratic League 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6 PM, at Ceresville Mansion, 8529 Liberty Rd, Frederick.

[Click here](#) to purchase your tickets online.



You are invited to join us on October 11th, 2023 to celebrate our 100th Anniversary

Sponsorships & Tickets are available at [www.WDLFrederick.org](http://www.WDLFrederick.org)

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Did you know that in addition to voting for President of the United States in 2024 there are local races on the ballot too, including Board of Education?

Are you thinking about running for office in 2024? We would like to hear from you! Please send us an email at [info@frederickdemocrats.org](mailto:info@frederickdemocrats.org).

**Visit our booth at In the Streets-Frederick Sept. 9**

**Are you a Democratic woman interested in running for office in 2025 or 2026?**

**Now is the time to lay the foundation for your run for office!**

**Applications for the 2024 Emerge Maryland Signature Candidate Training cohort are now open!**

Our signature candidate training program has proven successful for the past 11 years! Emerge Maryland seeks Democratic women who are committed to effective political leadership and are interested in running for elective office. We have always embraced diversity and encouraged applications from all women regardless of age, race, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, or physical ability.

**Our mission to build the bench of Democratic women ready to run for office acknowledges systemic and historic barriers to running for office and the barriers women impose on themselves.**

To be considered for the Emerge Maryland training program, applicants must complete a written online application. To apply: <https://bit.ly/EMD2024Application>

September 2023 At-a-Glance



**North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up**  
**Saturday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Special Joint Meeting of the United Democrats of Frederick County (UDFC) and Women’s Democratic League of Frederick County (WDL)**

**Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street, Frederick

**Democratic State Central Committee of Frederick Co. (DSCCFC)**  
**Monthly Meeting**

**No public meeting in September**  
**in preparation of the Great Frederick Fair.**

Join the Central Committee, WDL, and UDFC at the Democratic tent at the Great Frederick Fair, Friday, September 15 – Saturday, September 23. View shifts and sign up [here](#).

Join **CLUBBLUE!** Our sustainers are activists and everyday people who contribute a monthly monetary donation to help the Party sustain its competitiveness in current and future local and statewide elections. Click [here](#) for more details. Donate as little as \$5 a month and let the Frederick County Democrats do all the work!



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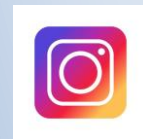
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A LOOK BACK AT FREDERICK DEMS IN THE COMMUNITY IN AUGUST 2023.

National Night Out



Mountain City Elks Lodge #382 Parade



Happy Hour



First Saturday





The Democratic State Central Committee of Frederick County does not endorse Democratic candidates in a contested primary election. We encourage you to get to know them, and help the campaign of your choice in any way you see fit.



Laurie-Anne Sayles is the youngest of six children. She was born to Jamaican immigrants who came to Maryland with nothing in their pockets. She has dedicated her life to building stronger and healthier communities as a public health worker.

The first elected **Black City Council Member in Gaithersburg**, Laurie-Anne became a leader on housing affordability, a champion for local businesses, and was named one of **Maryland's Top 100 Women** by the *Daily Record*. She was also named Chair of the National League of Cities **Community and Economic Development (CED) Committee** and served on its Board of Directors, where her peers recognized her as **Legislator of the Year**.

In 2022, after having earned strong backing from organized labor, Laurie-Anne became the first Black woman to be elected countywide in Montgomery, representing over one million residents. During her time on the Council, she has continued her work to fight for:

- ★ Expanded access to early childhood education
- ★ Housing affordability for families and seniors
- ★ \$15 minimum wage
- ★ Equal pay for equal work
- ★ Immigration reform
- ★ Small Business
- ★ Cleaner, safer environment

Laurie-Anne is a graduate of Maryland's public schools. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and a master's degree from the University of Baltimore. She and her adult daughter live in Gaithersburg.

## Why IT MATTERS

Maryland's sixth Congressional District is open because Rep. David Trone running for the Senate. The district stretches from Montgomery County all the way to the Western border with West Virginia. Maryland's 6th is a true swing district as evidenced by Rep. Trone being a DCCC Frontline member despite his massive warchest. Most Democrats have won this seat by a narrow margin, but we lost this district 2-1 in 2018 at the gubernatorial level.

For House Democrats to take back the majority we can't afford to lose a single district we already hold. The sixth district will be on every list of districts that have the potential to be flipped in this election and we will need a proven vote-getter to hold the seat.

The stakes in 2024 couldn't be higher. Today's MAGA Republicans don't simply have a different view of policy: they have a disdain for democracy itself. Whether it's denying election results or ignoring public opinion and working to ban abortion, Americans' basic freedoms are at stake.

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