



The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

Happy Early 4th of July! I hope everyone enjoys their holiday, whether picnicking, traveling, or staying at home.

Thank you so much to everyone who came out for our Plow-Fish kickoff fundraiser last week. Special thanks to our hosts, Delegate Ken Kerr and Helen, for opening their beautiful backyard and our Special Guest, Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, District 21, Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee. She's a powerhouse! We will hold our next Plow-Fish in August at the home of Delegate Kris Fair and Dominick. The date and other details will be announced soon.

Frederick Dems had a blast at the Juneteenth Celebration hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority last month. We appreciate that we could serve as a vendor and support their event.

We also had a blast at Frederick Pride! It was sweltering that day, but our

members and volunteers took precautions while braving the heat to celebrate. Governor Wes Moore, various Democratic elected officials, and volunteers with Team Angela Alsobrooks and Team April Delaney were also there to celebrate and support. This year marks the first year that a sitting Maryland Governor attended Pride.

This month, we'll have a presence at a few community events. Join us at First Saturday, from 2:30 to 5:15 PM in front of Middletown Valley Bank, 9 N. Market Street. We'll also have a tent at the Urbana Carnival Monday, 15 July - Saturday, 20 July, from 6:30-8:30 each evening. And then, on Saturday, 20 July, we'll be at the Asbury Block Party from 11 AM until 4 PM. We hope you'll stop by our table to say hello, pick up candidates or Party literature, sign up to volunteer, or all the above! We may even have a few treats for your children (and your dogs). We also welcome you to help us staff our table. Click [here](#) to view available shifts and sign up for your preferred event(s) and shift(s).

We invite you to join us for an All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast on Friday, 19 July, at Frederick Elks Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. Our menu includes Crabs, MD Crab Soup, Clam Strips, Cole Slaw, Potato Wedges, and Corn on the Cob. Tickets are \$85 pp and can be purchased [online](#) or mail a check to FCDCC, PO Box 793, Frederick, MD 21705. Please write "Crab Feast" on check's memo line. We have a **firm** deadline on Sunday, 7 July, so please don't delay. If we do not reach our preferred minimum, we will cancel and reschedule in 2025. The

ticket price will be refunded in full if we cancel.

As of today, there are 127 days until the general election on 5 November, and the Maryland Democratic Party's Coordinated Campaign is revving up toward "all systems go" across the state. They have several positions they're looking to fill. Visit their [job board](#) to view and learn about the opportunities. Details about phone banks, canvasses, and other Get Out The Vote (GOTV) activities will be announced soon.

Join us at our next Central Committee meeting on Tuesday, 16 July, at 6:30 PM, at the Common Market Community Room, 927 W. 7th Street, Frederick. Come share your thoughts and/or listen in as we discuss our business and activities.

Check out our photos from the June events on the last few pages of the newsletter.



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](#)



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

“LYING LARRY” AND BIPARTISANSHIP

Former Maryland governor, Larry Hogan, has promulgated this myth that he is a moderate and can be trusted to be bipartisan if elected to the U.S. Senate from Maryland. The fact that he is a “never-Trumper” helps with that image. Let’s be honest. Larry Hogan is a very conservative right-wing Ronald Reagan Republican. He demonstrated that while governor by immediately cutting some marginal taxes and fees and canning the Red Line subway in Baltimore, thus losing millions of dollars that had already been spent on the project. The only reason that he was not able to impose more of his anti-government, anti-people Reaganesque policies on the citizens of Maryland is that he was prevented from doing so by a veto-proof Democratic majority. Knowing that he couldn’t get through the Maryland General Assembly any of his Republican proposals, he decided to smile and sit back and take credit for anything that he could stomach that the Democratic-controlled General Assembly passed. As I’ve said in previous columns, he is not stupid and he is an astute self-promoter.

But he doesn’t always tell the truth or, at least, talks out of both sides of his mouth. One example: he sent out to his supporters an e-mail on June 8, 2024 saying “we can continue down our current path, filled with partisanship, extremism, and dysfunction ... It’s time to extinguish the toxic partisanship.” Just the next day he sent to his supporters an e-mail with an unflattering picture of Angela Alsobrooks saying her record on crime including homicides nearly doubling and a 600% increase in carjackings saying that “this is a result of years of underfunding and deprioritizing public safety under her leadership.” He also takes credit for stopping the violence that occurred after the Freddie Gray killing in Baltimore, never mentioning that the prime calming influence resulted from the actions of the late Congressman Elijah Cummings. How is this not an example of partisanship, extremism, and dysfunction?

Another example: Now that he is a candidate for the U.S. Senate in liberal, blue Maryland, he has announced that he is pro-choice, not a position that he had previously disclosed. What are the facts:

...in 2019, when the federal government again attacked Planned Parenthood, Hogan stood on the sidelines when Democrats protected access.

...In 2022, Governor Hogan vetoed the Abortion Care Act.

...In his FY23 budget he withheld \$3.5 million in required money meant for abortion care.

...just this February he said abortion was just “an emotional issue for women” and that the abortion protection amendment in Maryland “wasn’t really necessary” and ...in March of this year he refused to support federal protections for abortion.

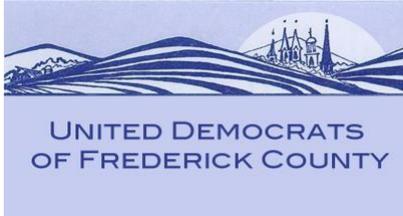
And now he’s pro-choice?

So far he has not renounced the NRA, but he might, despite the fact that as governor Hogan vetoed legislation to

close loopholes and expand background checks, opposed Maryland’s assault weapons ban, vetoed legislation to require gun sellers to do more to prevent gun violence, and refused to sign legislation banning ghost guns. He is brazenly trying to re-brand himself as a moderate. Anything to win!

Real bipartisanship is illustrated by the analysis done by the Lugar Center and the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University. Two Maryland congressmen made were in the top 50% for bipartisanship – David Trone 27 th most bipartisan and Dutch Ruppersberger 118 th most bipartisan. Of course, unlike Hogan, the rest of the Democrats in our congressional delegate do not present themselves as champions of bipartisanship like Hogan is trying to do. The other rankings: U.S. Senator Ben Cardin 55 th most bipartisan in the 100 member Senate and Chris Van Hollen 67 th . In the House: Glenn Ivey 286 th , John Sarbanes 337 th , Jamie Raskin 361 st , Kweisi Mfume 369 th , and Steny Hoyer 409th .The lone Republican in the delegations, Andy Harris was 407 th . No one knows where Hogan, if elected, would score on this scale, but I suspect he would fall in the middle of the Republican pack, which means he would more often than not oppose bills that Democrats support. Senator Susan Collins was the most bipartisan Republican in the Senate and Hogan is no Susan Collins. Remember that the very first vote that Hogan will take if elected is to vote for majority or minority leader depending on whether the Democrats can retain their control. This vote alone is reason for all Democrats to work hard to see that Hogan does not have the opportunity to make that vote.





UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Hello Frederick Democrats!

I want to remind you first that we are having the UDFC annual picnic on Sunday July 28th from 3-6 PM at the Ballenger Creek Community Building 5420 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, MD 21703. You can see the flyer attached in this copy of the Banner. Please RSVP so we can ensure there is plenty of chicken! The cost to members is free, Non-members are \$30 individual, and \$50 for family. If you paid individual dues in 2024, you can pay \$20 at the door to upgrade to family membership. Cash or check only accepted at the door. Please read the Flyer to find out what to bring!

There will be no UDFC business meeting on the first Monday in July and we hope to see everyone at the picnic instead! Now I will bring you up to date!

May 2024 at Café 611, UDFC was delighted to host our 3rd District Democratic Delegation; State Senator Karen Lewis Young, and Delegates Ken Kerr, Kris Fair, and Karen Simpson. Their remarks are summarized below.

Senator Karen Lewis Young

- Biggest challenge was dealing with the deficit in the budget, but the legislature held the line- no increase in taxes at state level
- Data Centers- Going to have studies to evaluate the issue of noise related to the Centers-
- Funded the Blueprint for Education

- Bill requiring Realtors to disclose locations of “Superfund Sites” near housing developments Note:

Superfund Sites are toxic waste dumps/hazardous materials buried underground)

Delegate Ken Kerr

- Bill passed allowing Pharmacists to administer vaccines in certain circumstances
- Freedom to read act passes- School libraries will not be able to remove reading materials in the school libraries due to partisan, ideological or religious disapproval
- Bill passed establishing sepsis protocols for Urgent Care facilities and Hospitals to screen patients for sepsis- “Lochlan’s Law” (His Frederick parents advocated for the law after losing him to the disease)

Delegate Kris Fair

- Bill expanded existing legally protected health care to include Gender affirming treatment in Maryland
- He detailed and praised how the Legislature came together in just seven days to pass emergency

legislation to protect the Port Authority employees who lost work and benefits after the bridge collapse, as well as special funding for the families of the victims of the disaster.

Delegate Karen Simpson (Judicial committee) Two laws passed:

- State employees complaint process Bill passed
- Repealed a long standing “Jim Crow Roadwork” Law
- Judiciary: Court Personnel protection- Judges in Maryland would be able to shield their personal info

June 3rd at Café 611 UDFC welcomed two guest speakers: Henry Snurr, President of Young Dems Maryland, and Violet Williams, President Young Dems Frederick County. Summary of speakers’ comments follow.

Both Henry and Violet agreed that getting Young People to vote and become engaged is not a new issue and that it is a problem across the state and the US as well as other countries.

Problems faced by all voters including the young: (Agreed upon by both Henry and Violet)

- ♣ Education: The lack of a civics requirement in schools, and that students are not required to pass a civics test to graduate from high school. States that require passing a graduation civics test have a better record of young voters who vote.
- ♣ Time: There are voters of all ages who can not afford to take off work to vote. Allowing people paid time off work to vote, or states providing Early Voting opportunities at night and on weekends can help encourage people to do so.
- ♣ Transportation can be a problem for many voters who do not have cars.
- ♣ Voting by mail gives working people, as well as students more flexibility with voting.

How to encourage young voters to vote and participate:

- ♣ Voter registration events on both College and Community College campuses can heighten awareness and get folks registered to vote. In addition, having voter registration booths at community events as we do here in Frederick is very positive.

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Violet gave a shout out to Kap Kaplowitz and his ongoing efforts at Voter Registration here in Frederick County.

• Violet suggested the Dem clubs offer to host a Young Democrats meeting/event in their homes or some other venue as well.

• Henry suggested that the clubs help educate Y Dems on absentee voting to make it easier to vote

• Henry also stressed being inclusive in all level of activities (local, county, state, federal) and to meet them not just at election time, but throughout the year. Young people need to be given a chance to demonstrate their interest, ideas and energy in many areas.



Richard "Kap" Kaplowitz

Additional News: Kap Kaplowitz

Longtime UDFC Board member, Kap Kaplowitz was honored at the FCC end of year Student Awards Assembly

organized by the FCC Office of Student Engagement. Kap's award was in recognition of his ongoing work in getting

students and visitors to the college Registered to Vote. According to the Board of Elections website, at the end of May

2024, Democrats with Active Registration number 77,906; while Republicans with Active Registration number 68,198.

Kap and his volunteers have contributed mightily to these Dem numbers! Congrats to Kap for his FCC recognition!

See you at the Picnic July 28 th , 2024, at Ballenger Creek Community Building from 3-6 PM!

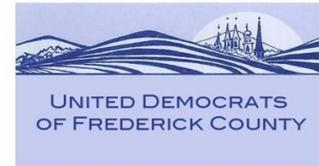
Maureen Grayzeck, President, UDFC



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Join UDFC for fun, fellowship, and a few speeches at our Annual Picnic

**Sunday, 28 July 2024
3:00 - 6:00 PM**

Ballenger Creek Community Building

5420 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick

The picnic will be indoors.

Take the first right after entering the park grounds.

UDFC will provide fried chicken, cupcakes, paper goods, and drinks (water, sodas, & adult beverages)

Please bring a dish of your choice to share.

Paid members attend for FREE!

Non-members can attend by joining UDFC

• **\$30 individual or \$50 family**

- (Can be paid by cash or check only during check-in at the picnic; membership will be active to the end of the year.)

Everyone is asked to RSVP. Please scan the QR code below, or visit <https://forms.gle/XzTBUMCWK6BtvPc78>

Picnic will be held



or



Hope you can and will join us!

Questions? Contact UDFC at UnitedDemsFrederick@gmail.com, or President Maureen Grayzeck at 443-414-7303.

Scan the QR code above to RSVP for the picnic or click [here](#).

You can't vote for the best candidate if she's not on the ballot.



Democratic women of Frederick, do you want to be on the ballot in 2026?

We can help.

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MARYLAND



Applications are now open!

<https://bit.ly/EMDApp2025>

For more information: contact@emergemaryland.org

www.EmergeMaryland.org

All-You-Can-Eat CRAB Feast

Friday, 19 July 2024

5:30 PM - 8 PM

Frederick Elks Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Dr, Frederick

\$85* per person (no discount for ClubBlue members)

Scan the QR code below for tickets, or visit frederickdemocrats.org.

Cash bar available.

Menu: Crabs/MD Crab Soup/Clam Strips/Cole Slaw/Potato Wedges/Corn on the Cob

FIRM RSVP deadline: Sunday, 7 July.

*If we do not reach our preferred minimum, we will cancel and may reschedule in 2025. We will refund the ticket price in full if we cancel.



By Authority: FCDCC, McCamie Patterson, Treasurer

Scan the QR code above to purchase your tickets or click [here](#).

Firm deadline: Sunday, 7 July

July 2024 At-a-Glance



South Frederick County Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meet-Up

Saturday, July 13, at 9:30 AM

Bar T Mountainside at 2914 Roderick Rd, Frederick

North Frederick County Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up

Saturday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Women’s Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting

Monday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611, 611 North Market Street, Frederick

Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Common Market Community Room, 927 W. 7th Street, Frederick

Frederick County Democratic Party All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast

Friday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Frederick Elks Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Dr, Frederick

Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting

Thursday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m.

C. Burr Artz Library, 110 E. Patrick Street, Frederick

United Dems of Frederick County (UDFC) Monthly Meeting

Monday, July 28 at 3:00 p.m.

Ballenger Creek Community Building,
5420 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick



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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>



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Hope you enjoyed reading!

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June 25, 2024

CANDIDATES CORNER

All Democratic candidates are given the opportunity to submit information for inclusion in the newsletter.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Top Three Primary BoE Primary Candidates Announce Slate

Educator-endorsed Frederick County Board of Education candidates Josh Bokee, Janie Monier, and Chad King Wilson came in as the top candidates in May's primary and have now joined together to form the BMW 4 BoE Slate. By coordinating efforts, they will bring a wealth of relevant experience and range of talent to the Board in November.

The BMW 4 BoE Slate will be strong advocates for our students and educators and will help build a better public school system. They will advance policies that:

FUND school construction and address the needs of facilities countywide

ATTRACT world-class educators and staff with competitive compensation and professional respect

EXPAND opportunities for apprenticeship and career preparation as well as academic programs

CREATE safe and inclusive learning environments for students, educators, and staff

ENSURE transparency into resources and programs that address the needs of our special education students

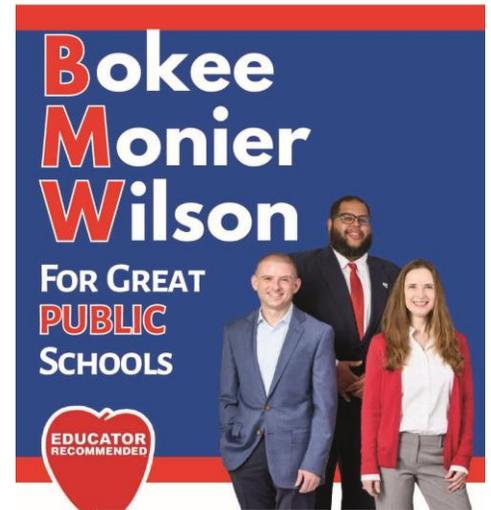
PROTECT intellectual freedom for students and offer opportunities for growth and exploration

The BMW 4 BoE Slate is committed to finding the best outcomes for all students and making sure our schools offer opportunities for success to everyone. We will work with our colleagues on the Board, with county officials, and with parents and community leaders to identify needs and find ways to meet them.

Find out more, donate, or volunteer at www.BMW4BoE.org

Make a plan to vote at <https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/7654/Make-a-plan-to-vote>

By the Authority of BMW4BoE; Joshua Pedersen, Treasurer



**We ask for your 3 votes for
Frederick County Board of Education.**

WE WILL BE STRONG ADVOCATES FOR:

Funding for needed school construction to meet the needs of all facilities throughout the county

Attracting world-class educators and staff with compensation, autonomy, & respect

Expanding access to career preparation, apprenticeship, & academic programs

Creating learning environments that are safe & inclusive for all students, educators, & staff

Ensuring transparency of resources to address the needs of our special education students.

TO LEARN MORE, DONATE, OR VOLUNTEER, VISIT:

www.BMW4BoE.org

By the authority of BMW4BoE Slate; Joshua Pedersen, Treasurer



DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Photos from the Plow-Fish with Special Guest Delegate Joseline Peña-Melynk on Tuesday, 06.25.24



Photo from Juneteeth Celebration on Saturday, 06.15.24



Photos from Frederick Pride on Saturday, 06.22.24

