



# The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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## CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

Election 2024 is well underway! Do you have a plan to vote? It's essential that you double-check everything and read all the directions carefully. Worried about dis/misinformation? Check out the Maryland State Board of Elections' [Rumor Control page](#) for trusted information.

There are three ways to vote. Choose **one** option that best suits you.

Option 1: Vote Early (Thursday, 24 October – Thursday, 31 October) at any of the four [Early Vote Centers](#) in Frederick County. All are open from 7 AM – 8 PM, including the weekend.

Option 2: Vote by Mail ([Mail-in ballot](#)). Here are four essential steps outlined on the [State Board of Elections website](#) that you should know when completing your Mail-in ballot: 1) Use a Black Ink Pen to Mark your Ballot (Do not use a Sharpie); 2) Sign the **Return Envelope**. Do **NOT** sign the **Ballot** itself; 3) Seal Your Return Envelope; and 4) Send your Ballot using the

postage-paid Return Envelope or drop it in one of the approved [Ballot Drop Boxes](#). The Frederick County Board of Elections website says, "There are 10 convenient, secure, and monitored Drop Box locations under 24-hour surveillance." Your ballot must be placed in a drop box or postmarked by 8 PM on Election Day (Tuesday, 5 November).

Option 3: Vote on Election Day (Tuesday, 5 November) at your [assigned polling location](#). The polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

Our HQ grand opening last month was a huge success because of you. Within two hours, we had about 200 people stop through, and we're so thankful you celebrated with us. Since then, we've continued to have a steady stream of people visiting our office for various reasons. As a reminder, our hours are Tuesday – Sunday, 10 AM – 8 PM.

While it is imperative that we elect Kamala Harris for President, it is just as critical to elect [Angela Alsobrooks for the U.S. Senate](#), and [April McClain Delaney for Congressional District 6](#). Kamala will need their votes to help pass legislation for the greater good of our country. Choosing Kamala, but then voting for Hogan over Alsobrooks will simply hand control of the Senate to Republicans. Choosing Parrott over Delaney will ensure more extremist views in the House. We can't let either of these men make it to Congress.

With only 35 days left, it's time to call all hands on deck and kick these last few weeks into higher gear. Whether you can help several hours a week or

only spare one hour, we ask you to do something – phone bank, knock doors, or write postcards. You can use these links to sign up:

- Phone bank from our office for April McClain Delaney. Contact Mari Lee, [mari@frederickdemocrats.org](mailto:mari@frederickdemocrats.org).
- [Phone bank](#) from our office for Angela Alsobrooks & Democrats on the ticket, or make calls from [home](#).

- Sign up for [postcarding](#) here.

- [Canvass](#) for April McClain Delaney
- [Canvass](#) for the Coordinated Campaign for Angela Alsobrooks & Democrats up and down the ballot.

On a local level, we need to continue to protect our Board of Education against hate and extremism by continuing to elect members who share our values. We have four [Democratic Board of Education candidates](#) who are ready to work on behalf of all children and FCPS staff. They need your help – volunteer, donate, AND vote! When you vote, please only vote for a **MAX of 3** in this race or none of your votes will count.

**Join us tonight** for a virtual VP Debate Watch Party in partnership with Maryland Women for Harris and many dynamic political organizations across Maryland. Grab your friends and join us and others for a lively pre-debate discussion at 8:15pm, and then watch the debate together. Register [now](#) and be part of the action.

In between the community events, volunteer activities, and other work

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that the Central Committee is feverishly doing behind the scenes regarding this election, we are planning a few events. Be on the lookout soon for details on our last “Plow-Fish” event of the year, a watch party for the Senate debate, and an election night watch party. We are also co-hosting a Thank You event for Congressman David Trone. You can learn more about the Trone Thank You event in the article submitted by Maureen Grazeck, President of the United Democrats of Frederick County elsewhere in this newsletter.



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

Some Thoughts:

...Common Cause just announced its scorecard for the U.S. House and Senate. Common Cause grades members of Congress on “good government” issues, such as supporting measures to encourage active participation of U.S. citizens in the electoral process and opposing measures designed to discourage participation in the electoral process, expelling Representative George Santos, opposing including a citizenship question on the Census, admitting Washington, D.C. as a state, and creating an ethics standard for the U.S. Supreme Court. All of Maryland’s seven Democratic Congressmen voted

correctly on at least 10 out of 13 votes. Not unexpectedly, Maryland’s lone Republican in its Congressional delegation, Andy Harris, was 0 for 13. Harris just recently was named the chair of the House Freedom Caucus. As I wrote in my September 2023 column in the Banner (previous issues of the Banner can be accessed on the Frederick Democrats page), Harris is an extremist and an embarrassment to the State of Maryland, which leads me to the admonition that we must do everything we can to elect April McClain Delaney to Congress from Maryland’s 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district. We need to do this not just because April is an excellent candidate with an impressive resume, and because we need to take back the House. We need to do this because April’s opponent, Neil Parrott, is a frightening, extremist, just like Andy Harris. Having served in the Maryland General Assembly and having been a previous candidate for Congress, Harris leaves a scary legacy of extremism and ineffectiveness, for example:

In 2019, while serving in the Maryland General Assembly, Parrott was the primary sponsor of 16 bills, none of which passed. He was similarly ineffective in all the other sessions that he served in.

When the Supreme Court announced its decision that affirmed anti-discrimination protections for members of the LGBTQ community, Parrott said that he was disappointed in the decision and described it as legislating from the bench.

He repeatedly opposed a state law to remove marriage as a defense for certain classes of rape and sexual assault saying, “you just pat them in the wrong way; they take it (as) sexually inappropriate.” The legislation he opposed passed the Maryland General Assembly 131-3 with Parrott among the three-voting no.

In 2005, he advocated placing tattoos on men, women, and children who

tested positive for HIV (he has since acknowledged that he said this, but now has recanted this idea.)

Parrott sponsored a bill in the Maryland General Assembly that would have exempted law enforcement officers who live in Maryland but work in surrounding states from taking a required training in order to receive a Maryland handgun permit.

Parrott’s comments on the January 6 riot: “The vast majority of people were simply there to support fair elections.”

Parrott opposed increasing Maryland’s minimum wage and proposed that each county would set its own minimum wage.

He was among 17 plaintiffs who filed a federal lawsuit in an attempt to overturn Maryland Governor’s stay-at-home order during the Covid epidemic.

Despite opposition from the Maryland State’s Attorneys’ Association, Parrott supported a bill that would allow a person to defend himself against anyone who made an unlawful entry into a dwelling to use any degree of physical force necessary regardless of the person’s intent or level of danger that the person presents to the homeowner.

Parrott was among four Maryland lawmakers who opposed a bill prohibiting individuals from placing swastikas and other hate symbols on properties without the owner’s consent.

On a 127-3 vote in the House of Delegates, Parrott was one of three Maryland Delegates who voted not to reprimand Delegate Tony McConkey who had introduced legislation that would have made it easier for McConkey to regain his suspended real estate license.

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Parrott has introduced legislation reaffirming states' rights.

He organized the first tea party rally in Hagerstown.

He advocated for the retention of a monument to the Ten Commandments in a public park in Frederick.

He created a website to make it easier to petition legislation to referendum.

These examples are just the tip of the iceberg, easily obtained by a quick Google search. Stop extremism, vote Delaney.

...In previous columns, I have pointed out that Larry Hogan is no moderate. He is a mainstream, Ronald Regan Republican who will primarily vote with the conservative Republicans if elected to the U.S. Senate. I just came across another example of this: In 1992 when Hogan was challenging Congressman Steny Hoyer for Congress in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, the Brady Bill and the Assault Weapons Ban were important issues. The Brady Bill had wide popular support. Maryland's Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate, Alan Keyes, a well-known conservative, supported the Brady bill. Also supporting the Brady Bill were Republican candidates in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District (Wayne Gilchrist), 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Michele Dyson), and Republican incumbents Connie Morella and Helen Bentley. Marylanders Against Handgun Abuse reported candidate Hogan as taking no position on the Brady Bill.

...An interesting factoid: The newspaper recently reported that former Frederick Democratic member of the House of Delegates Tom Hattery (1982-1994), who represented District 4A and then worked many years for the federal government, was coming out of retirement to oppose the MPRP (Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project). The Maryland Public Service

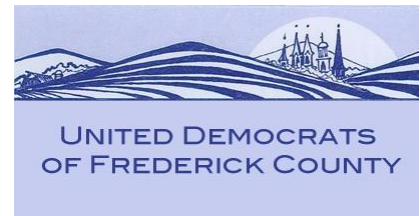
Commission might eventually weigh-in on this decision. The chair of the Maryland Public Service Commission is Fred Hoover, who was Tom Hattery's campaign manager when he successfully challenged Congresswoman Beverly B. Byron for re-election in 1992.

...Martin "Marty" Resnick passed away on September 11. Marty was a successful caterer who eventually opened Martin's West in Woodlawn and other locations that were the venues for many Democratic functions including a fundraiser for Goodloe Byron's first run for Congress in 1978; the first Maryland Democratic Party Winter Dinner in 1981, and many other MDP dinners after that; a Paul Sarbanes fundraiser in 1982; Steve Sachs and Eleanor Carey fundraisers in 1986; Salutes to Louis Goldstein in 1989, 1993, and 1997; a William Donald Schaefer fundraiser when he ran for Comptroller in 1998, Cas Taylor fundraiser in 1999; many Carroll County Democratic dinners at Martin's of Westminster, and a Progressive Maryland dinner at Martin's Crosswinds honoring Congressman John Lewis in 2006; and a Martin O'Malley fundraiser in 2006, just to mention a few of the events held at Resnick facilities. Frederick County Democrats held dinners at Martin's Walkersville. The halls were known for their Roman-style alabaster columns, damask draperies, grand staircases, and glowing chandeliers known as the "Martin's Look." Resnick was proud that his employees could deliver hot meals to 1,500 seated guests in 15 minutes. He became known as "Party Marty." He was a philanthropist and served on the board of Morgan State University. (partially from Baltimore Sun obituary)

...On October 8 at 5:00 P.M. and Senator Karen Lewis Young and Ron Young's house residents of Worman's Mill and Homewood will gather for a potluck dinner and develop plans for a massive Democrat and Independent voter contact effort. Call, walk, and e-

mail lists will be distributed as well as campaign material. You don't have to be a resident of Worman's Mill or Homewood to participate.

...After the election I plan on writing a series of articles on the history of the Frederick County Democratic State Central Committee, the Frederick Young Democrats, the Frederick Women's Democratic League, and the UDFC between 1950 and 2000. In preparation for these articles, I have been reviewing the information that I have gathered over the years in regard to those organizations, including minutes and newspaper articles. I have some but, of course, not all. If anyone has any information that they could share with me, please contact me at [tgslawslate@comcast.net](mailto:tgslawslate@comcast.net) or text me at 240-409-1497!



## UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Dear UDFC Members and Friends,

The last month has been extremely busy for Frederick Dems! The opening of the Headquarters at #8 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, the Great Frederick Fair, and the annual "In the Streets Festival"... among others!

Many thanks to all of you who have been able to volunteer at these events! It is the work of all our volunteers that makes a difference in this campaign season. Please read Mari Lee's article on the front page of the Banner to see all the different opportunities that are still available for those who want to engage! I have heard many times in the



last months: the only cure for election anxiety is to get up and out and do something!!

Our September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was at Café 611, and we had speakers share their experiences at the Democratic National Convention: Tom Slater, Myrna Whitworth, and Karen Lewis Young. Senator Lewis Young could not attend in person, but she wrote up what she wanted to say, and it was shared by Delegate Kris Fair, and Former Senator Ron Young.

UDFC will hold a meeting on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Café 611, and the topic is UDFC will hold a meeting on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Café 611, and the topic is yet to be determined. We will update members in the meeting invite which goes out the week before the date.

Keep in mind that our November meeting would normally be held on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, but because that is the day before the General Election- we will be helping at Democratic HQ that evening.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: (In lieu of our regular December meeting!)**

UDFC is joining together with DCCFC and the Democratic Clubs of Frederick on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to host a special event to recognize and thank Congressman David Trone for all his work on behalf of our community during his tenure in Congress. This is your "Save the Date", details and a link to RSVP will be forthcoming.

**Celebration for Congressman David Trone**

**Date:** Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 6-8 PM

**Location:** ERUCC 15 W. Church St. Frederick, MD

Looking forward to having you join us for a wonderful gathering.  
Maureen Grayzeck, President, UDFC



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

September was a busy month for the Women's Democratic League of Frederick (WDL). WDL co-hosted an event with the United Democrats showcasing the delegation that attended the Democratic National Convention, and on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> was WDL Day at the Great Frederick Fair. Some of our members participated in staffing the Frederick Democrat's booth during the Fair.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Frederick Democrat's office located at 8 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. We will be participating in Get of the Vote (GOTV efforts).

We have less than 35 days left before the election but it's not too late to get involved. Please join us at our next monthly meeting or stop by the Frederick Democrat's office Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 8:00 pm to get lawn signs, write postcards, make phone calls, or to join others knocking on doors. Every effort counts!

Shelly Beaird-Francois,  
President, WDL



**April McClain Delaney, Candidate for Congressional District 6**

Maryland's 6th District deserves a representative who not only brings experience but also a deep understanding of the challenges facing our communities. As a mother of four, I know firsthand the challenges working families face every day. With a 30-year career spanning both the public and private sectors—dedicated to advocating for women's rights, children's safety, and community development—I am ready to deliver the results Maryland families deserve. My platform is built on "Common Sense, Common Ground," because I know we need to work together to bring real solutions to our district.

As extremists wage a relentless war on reproductive rights and personal freedoms, I will be a staunch advocate for reproductive health and justice. In Congress, I will fight to codify Roe v. Wade into law and co-sponsor the Women's Health Protection Act to ensure that every woman has the right to make her own healthcare decisions, free from political interference.

Having served with the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration I have a deep understanding of how technological innovation can drive economic growth and create high-paying jobs. That's why I'll work to expand Maryland's broadband infrastructure, especially in

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underserved areas, and strengthen our local and national networks. By investing in cutting-edge technology, we can empower businesses, boost our economy, and connect more communities across the state.

Education is the foundation of a thriving community, and Maryland has always prided itself on supporting a world-class public education system. I will work closely with public schools to ensure that every child has access to quality pre-K, we close resource gaps in underfunded schools, and we set new standards for college and career readiness that reflect the needs of today's economy.

As MAGA extremists attempt to undermine the foundations of our democracy, I will stand firm in defense of democratic values. I will fight to protect voting rights by supporting crucial reforms like the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. We must ensure that every voice is heard and every vote is counted, and I will work across the aisle to restore public trust in our government and electoral system.

Voters in the 6th District deserve better than the dysfunction and partisan gridlock that have plagued Congress. Maryland families need leadership that prioritizes results over rhetoric. I'm committed to working with Republicans, Democrats, and independents alike to deliver meaningful, lasting progress for the people of our district. Together, we can move beyond the chaos and deliver real solutions that improve lives.

[AprilMcClainDelaneyforCongress.com](https://AprilMcClainDelaneyforCongress.com)



## Job Opportunity

Emerge Maryland is hiring a new Executive Director!

Emerge Maryland is the premier political training program for Democratic women who want to run for office in Maryland. We are seeking a highly motivated and dynamic leader to build on our success - identifying, recruiting, and training Democratic women to run for elective office at the local, state, and federal level.

- For a full job description - <https://www.daybook.com/jobs/TLhupek6Lt5yyK62E>
- Cover letters and resumes should be submitted to <https://bit.ly/ed-emergemd>
- Questions should be referred to: [EmergeMarylandJobs@gmail.com](mailto:EmergeMarylandJobs@gmail.com)
- Deadline for submission: October 15, 2024

Be a part of one the most dynamic political organization in the state, apply today!



**As Vice President Harris approached me, I told her we had a small connection in the Emerge organization. She flashed a huge smile, grabbed my hands, and said, "Our connection is significant!"**

**As the inspiration for the founding of the Emerge program, Vice President Kamala Harris knows our impact on women and changing the face of politics. All of our alums, Board members, and supporters share this connection with her.**

**Be a part of the movement and run for office!**

**Learn from the best on how run that winning race. We know Maryland and we know how to get you across the finish line!**

**Apply today.**

Applications are now open for our 2025 cohort.

<https://bit.ly/EMDApp2025>

For more information visit:

[www.emergeMaryland.org](http://www.emergeMaryland.org)



Vice President Kamala Harris and Emerge Maryland Executive Director, Diane Fink







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!



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>

## 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](#)



### Editor's Corner

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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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Frederick MD 21702

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Friday November 22 from 10-noon  
Frederick Clarion Conference Center  
5400 Holiday Dr,  
Frederick, MD 21703



Authority: Helen Rozsics Kerr, Treasurer

Join us tonight for the Virtual VP Debate Watch Party. Log in at 8:15 for a pre-discussion and we'll watch the debate together. Register [now](#) and be part of the action.

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**MARYLAND WOMEN FOR HARRIS-WALZ**

**VIRTUAL VICE PRESIDENT DEBATE WATCH PARTY**

**October 1, 2024 at 8:15 PM**

**JOIN US FOR A PRE-DISCUSSION AND THE DEBATE TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS!**

Event Registration Link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlvcumqrTouE9D-GnIkIq0GMKKITM7f0avEN>

**October 2024 At-a-Glance**



**United Dems of Frederick Co. Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

Café 611, 611 North Market Street, Frederick

**North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up**  
**Saturday, October 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.)

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

Frederick Democrats HQ, 8 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Frederick

**Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC)**  
**Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.**

Frederick Democrats HQ, 8 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Frederick

**Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meet-Up**  
**No Meeting**

Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd, Frederick

**SAVE THE DATE**

Please join the Frederick County Democratic Party  
 at a special event to honor our 2024 Beverly B. Byron Award recipient -

*Emergé Maryland*



Monday, 2 December 2024

6 PM - 8 PM

Frederick Elks Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Dr, Frederick

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres / Cash Bar

Sponsorship and ticket information will be announced soon.

By Authority: FCDCC, McCamic Patterson, Treasurer

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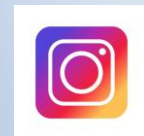
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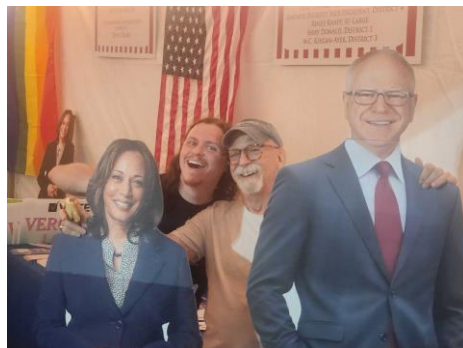
Frederick Democrat Office- Grand Opening – Saturday, September 7



In the Streets - Saturday, September 7



Great Frederick Fair - September 13 - 21, 2024





# DEMOCRATIC PARTY



## Middletown Heritage Festival- Saturday, September 28



## GOTV EFFORTS



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Angela Alsobrooks - [Website](#)

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DISTRICT 6**

April McClain Delaney - [Website](#)

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, FREDERICK CO.**

Choose only a **MAX** of three from this recommended list, or none of your votes for this race will count.

Josh Bokee - [Website](#)

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Chad King Wilson, Sr. - [Website](#)

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FOR THE 2024 ELECTION**

