



The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

This election is critical to saving our democracy, more so than ever before. Have you voted yet? If not, your last chance to have your voice heard in the 2024 General Election is this Tuesday, November 5th!

Now that early voting is over, there are only two ways to cast your vote. Choose **one** option that best suits you.

Option 1: 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 2: Vote on Election Day (Tuesday, 5 November) at your [assigned polling location](#). The polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

As I mentioned last month, it is imperative that we elect Kamala Harris for President, and 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 3 days left, we need **everyone** to do something to help Get Out The Vote (GOTV)! Please talk about the importance of this election with your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Please also help with the different volunteer efforts. Whether you can volunteer for several hours between now and Tuesday night or only one spare hour, your help is needed and appreciated. You can use these links to sign up:

- GOTV Phone Bank [Coordinated Campaign](#) for Angela Alsobrooks, April Delaney, and Democrats Up and Down the Ballot!

- GOTV Canvass

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

- Election Day Poll Coverage: Frederick County - [Represent](#) April Delaney at the polls
- GOTV Sign Distribution - [Help set up](#) campaign yard signs at the polls
- [GOTV Rally](#) with April Delaney, Gov. Moore, Whip Clark, and More!

Join April Delaney, Gov. Wes Moore, Whip Katherine Clark, Congressman Raskin, Comptroller Lierman, County Executive Fitzwater, and many more at Bushwaller's Pub 4-5pm on Monday, November 4th. [Sign up](#) before spaces fill up.

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](#) (Josh Bokee, Veronica Lowe, Janie Monier, Chad Wilson) who are ready to work on behalf of all children and FCPS staff.

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They need your help – volunteer, donate, AND vote! **When you vote, only vote for a MAX of three (3) candidates in this race, or none of your votes will count.**

Do you need a ride to the polls or know of someone who does? Click here to learn about the [Run to Vote](#) initiative in Frederick County. If you have any issues, please contact Frederick County Democrats at 301.898.2513 and we will also work toward getting you a ride if still needed.

Join us on Election Night as we gather for a watch party at Mountain City Elks Lodge #382, 173 W. All Saints Street, Frederick, 2nd floor (Chair lift available). Polls close at 8 PM, but our doors open at 7:30 PM. Refreshments are provided while supplies last. [Register](#) and be part of the action.

We also invite you to join us on Wednesday, 11.20.2024 for our last Plow-Fish event of the year with Special Guest Dr. Charlene Dukes, Vice Chair, Maryland Democratic Party, at the home of Peter Brehm & Jack Day, 306 West College Terrace, Frederick. [Tickets](#) are **\$75 - Single event cost** - for you and a guest or **\$65 - Single event cost** - for Club Blue Members (incl. a guest). There is no cost for Trustees and 2024 paid Plow-Fish annual membership holders. See the invitation on page 6.

In these last few days, we still have candidate signs available at our HQ. Stop by to get signs for Harris-Walz, Alsobrooks for Senate, Delaney for Congress District 6, and Democratic Board of Education. As a reminder, our hours are Tuesday – Sunday, 10 AM – 8 PM, and we’re located at 8 West 5th Street, Frederick. We will also be open this Monday, November 4, for special day-before-Election-Day hours.



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

This Election is Super Important/The National Debt/ Recent Deaths/Four Years Ago

Readers of The Banner and my column do not need to be reminded that November 5, 2024, may go down in history as one of the most important election days ever, so I’m not going to add on to what you already know about the importance of this election. I’m going to just give you a few questions that you might want to ask if you find any undecided voters to try to persuade to vote Blue.

Trump: How could someone who publicly comments on Arnold Palmer’s sex organ, plays music for 40 minutes while he dances at a campaign rally, and calls his opponent, a lawyer who has served as Attorney General of California and a U.S. Senator, a “low I.Q. individual,” possibly be capable of fulfilling the responsibilities of being the President of the United States?

Hogan: Why would you want to vote for a candidate for the U.S. Senate who, when governor of Maryland, according to Time magazine, refused to put his real estate business in a blind trust and nearly all of the state’s competitive affordable housing awards that Hogan approved went to listed clients of his real estate firm. Or how can you trust Hogan to be independent when he was encouraged to run by

Mitch McConnell and is running as a Republican when he could have changed his party to independent and run as a true independent? (see Matt Bai’s column in the Washington Post on October 8, 2024).

Parrott: How could you possibly vote for someone who once advocated putting tattoos on persons who tested positive for HIV, said that the vast majority of the January 6 rioters were “simply there to support free elections” and said of rape and sexual assault victims “you just pat them in the wrong way; they take it as sexually inappropriate?”

...Just the Facts: Kamala Harris’ stated proposals would add more than \$3 trillion dollars to the national debt whereas Trump’s stated proposals would add more than \$7.5 trillion to the national debt. Source: Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget as reported in The Washington Post by Jacob Bogage on October 8, 2024

...Recent passings: Three notable Democrats left us recently – Paul Lambertson, Catherine Riley, and Tom Hattery.

Paul was a teacher, active Democrat, environmentalist, and civically engaged landlord in Frederick City who was married to Truby LaGarde. He was 92. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching with Paul at Catoclin High School.

Catherine Riley served on the Democratic State Central Committee and was elected at age 23, served in the Maryland House of Delegates and State Senate, served as Chair of the Mid-Virginia Chesapeake Bay Commission, taught public policy at the University of Maryland College Park, was a lobbyist for Governor Glendening, and was appointed by Glendening to the Maryland Public Service Commission. In the 1970s, she served on the Commission on the Future of the Young Democrats of Maryland, of which I was chair.

Tom Hattery was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates representing district 4-A in Frederick County in 1982, along with George Littrell. They both served three terms until Tom was defeated for re-election in the Republican wave of 1994. In 1994, I also won the Democratic primary for delegate in 4-A, but lost the general election. George lost in the general election when he ran for the Maryland Senate when Democratic incumbent Charlie Smelser retired. After his defeat in 1994, Tom continued to live on the family farm near Mt. Airy and worked for the Maryland Energy Administration and the U.S. Department of the Energy. He was elected to the Frederick County Democratic State Central Committee in 1998 and served as vice chair when I was the chair. In 1992 he challenged incumbent Democratic congresswoman Beverly B. Byron in the Democratic primary saying that Byron was too conservative for the 6th congressional district. After defeating Byron in the primary, Hattery lost the general election to very conservative Republican Roscoe Bartlett, who Continued to represent the 6th congressional district until 2012, when after the district was re-districted making it more likely to elect a Democrat, Democratic John Delaney defeated Bartlett. Tom was 70 years old.

Also passing recently were two prominent Republicans and one who ran for political office as a Republican, a Democrat, and as an Independent:

Donald B. Elliott was a pharmacist who served in the Maryland House of Delegates, representing district 4B which included a slice of Frederick County including Mt. Airy but was mostly a Carroll County district, from 1987 to 2015. He served for 8 of those years with Tom Hattery and George Littrell. He was 92. Diana Waterman, from Maryland's eastern shore, served as chair of the Maryland Republican Party from 2013-2017. She was 63.

David Gray served for 20 years on the Frederick County Board of County Commissioners (1990-2002, 2006-2014). He ran at various times as a Democrat, Republican, and Independent. He was respected for his passion, civility, fairness, and passion for slower growth in Frederick County. He was 85.

...Election results in 2020 in Frederick County:

Biden-Harris 77,675
Trump/Pence 63,68

David Trone 41,885
Neil Parrott 24,601 (the district lines were different from what they are now)

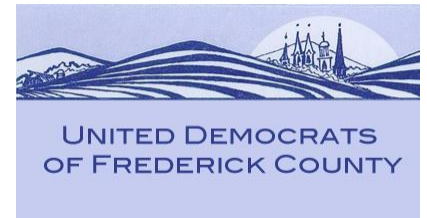
Board of Education:

Sue Johnson 61,130
Jason "Mr. T" Johnson 46,717
David Bass 43,26
Rae Gallagher 41,623
Lois Jarman 39,555
Dean Rose 39,130



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>



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Hello UDFC Member and Friends,

The election season is in full swing, with Early Voting underway, and Election Day approaching on Tuesday November 5th.

United Dems will not be holding a regular business meeting on Monday, November 4th at Café 611. We will instead be offering several opportunities for members to sign up and participate in election-related activities. The invites to sign up will be generated from the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee via Mari Lee. By the time this Banner newsletter is emailed on November 1st, most of you will have already signed up to pick up signs and deliver them to Frederick County precinct/voting locations near and far. Candidates are asking for volunteers to do sign waving, phone calls, texting, and door knocking right up to the last minute. Please reach out to the candidates of your choice on their websites or refer to Mari Lee's weekly Blue Wave newsletter for details. **Do not wait for someone to call you!** We need feet on the ground, and all hands and hearts actively engaged in this battle for Democracy NOW. Please continue to do your part and be an active and involved citizen, neighbor, and human being!

Speaking of Democracy, on Friday, October 25th, the Washington Post announced that it will not endorse a political candidate for president of the United States for the first time in 36 years. Consider this historical detail:

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February 22, 2017, the Post adopted a lofty Banner as part of the paper's headline. The words "DEMOCRACY DIES IN DARKNESS" appeared under the paper's name on the front page a week later. One could assume that after one month and two days of Trump's presidency, both the Post and a large percentage of the population could see the handwriting on the wall. They recognized the threat to Democracy Donald Trump was then and continues to be to this day.

The Washington Post editorial staff had already drafted an endorsement of Kamala Harris and prepared it to go to print. The editorial staff was informed Friday October 25th of the decision by Publisher and CEO Will Lewis that owner Jeff Bezos chose not to endorse either candidate. Bezos joined the ranks of Los Angeles Times owner Patrick Soon-Shiong, in failing to endorse a presidential candidate.

It is a monumentally dangerous decision for these institutions not to take a stand for Democracy when we are at such a crossroads. It makes us think about what is important to these two men.

It is heartening to hear that editorial staff members of both papers have resigned because of these decisions, and that many subscribers have canceled subscriptions for both home delivery and online services as well.

It is important to speak up and take a stand when you hear something and see something that is just wrong. Do whatever you can to make it right and make some "Good Trouble". Thank you to John Lewis!

- Maureen Grayzeck
President, UDFC



WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY

The long campaign season is almost over. The mood around Frederick and the nation is that people are nervous and anxious about the Election Day results. The good news is that I have heard numerous reports on the news, social media and from people that I have spoken to that the lines at the polling stations are long. In Frederick, it has been encouraging to see the number of new volunteers who have come out and have answered our call to help in any way they could. So, I am hopeful about the results of the election.

I would personally like to thank the WDL members and volunteers who have assembled campaign signs, knocked on doors, written numerous postcards, and made calls for the candidates on the Frederick Democrat Slate as well as for Swing State candidates. If you are still looking to get involved, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities still available as we make the final push Tuesday's election. So, I am heartened.

We will hold our next WDL monthly meeting on Monday, November 18th at the Democratic office located at 5 West 8th Street in Frederick. The doors will open at 6:30 for social time and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. So, I am optimistic that we will hopefully be

celebrating victories, but either way, I'm sure we will have loads of things to talk about. I hope to see you there!

Shelly Beaird-Francois,
President, WDL



Election Night Watch Party
Host: Frederick County Democratic Party
Tuesday, 5 November 2024
7:30 PM - 10:30 PM
Mountain City Elks Lodge #382
173 W. All Saints Street, Frederick, 2nd floor
(Chair lift available)

Refreshments available while supplies last. | Cash bar.
You may park in the private lot across from the lodge & on the surrounding streets.
Please read and abide by all parking signs in the immediate and nearby residential areas.

We need a headcount for our planning. Please register in advance by Thursday, 21 October by scanning the QR code or visit frederickdemocrats.org.

By Authority: FCDCC, McCallie Patterson, Treasurer

Please click [here](#) to register for the watch party.



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

EMERGE 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 are noted on the back of this card.

By Authority: FCDCC, McCarroll Patterson, Treasurer

- Gold Sponsor - \$500 - Four tickets + Full-page ad in the program book
- Silver Sponsor - \$250 - Two tickets + Full-page ad in the program book
- General Admission - \$75 pp (\$65 for Club Blue Members)
- Full-page Ad a la carte - \$100
- Patron - \$25 (Name listed on patron's page in the program book)

Sponsorships/tickets/ads/patron's donations may be paid online by scanning the QR code or frederickdemocrats.org. Or mail a check payable to FCDCC, PO Box 793, Frederick, MD 21705. Please write "Byron Event 2024" on check's memo line.

The deadline for sponsorships, tickets, and other payments is Friday, 15 November. Please send the camera-ready art to Deb Reynolds at dndreynolds@verizon.net.

Contacts

Mari Lee 240.415.8077 - Deb Reynolds 240.626.9498



Note: This award will be given annually to a female Democrat who has demonstrated over a period of years a commitment to the Democratic Party and particularly to the empowerment of Democratic women to serve in elective office.

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Please click [here](#) to register for the special event honoring Emerge Maryland.



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

Hope you enjoyed reading!

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**THE MONOCACY
PLOWMAN AND FISHERMAN CLUB**

IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING WITH

DR. CHARLENE DUKES
VICE CHAIR, MARYLAND DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2024
6 PM TO 8 PM

**AT THE HOME OF
PETER BREHM & JACK DAY**

306 WEST COLLEGE TERRACE | FREDERICK, MD

\$75 SINGLE EVENT TICKET: INCLUDES YOU AND A GUEST
\$65 FOR CLUB BLUE MEMBERS (INCL. A GUEST).
NO CHARGE FOR TRUSTEES AND 2024 PAID PLOWMAN AND
FISHERMAN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP HOLDERS

TICKETS: PLEASE MAKE CHECK TO FCDCC
MAIL TO: P.O BOX 793, FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21705
WITH "PLOW-FISH 2024" ON CHECK'S MEMO LINE.

OR PAY ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR VISIT
FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG

RSVP: MARI LEE
MARI@FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG



BY AUTHORITY: FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE (FCDCC), McCAMIE PATTERSON, TREASURER

Get your tickets for the Plow-Fish event [here](#).

****SAVE THE DATE****

Be ready to party on Tuesday, Dec 17, 2024.
We are going to blow the doors off
Denizen's Brewing Company
and we would love to have you there with us.

**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH OUR
VERY SPECIAL GUESTS!**

Mark your calendar and
stay tuned for more information.

You won't want to miss this one!

Have you been missing out on our emails? Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/EmergeMDEmail>

EMERGE
MARYLAND 

Sign up for the Emerge Maryland, 12.17.24 event [here](#).

Delegate Ken Kerr
Legislative Brunch Briefing

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

For Tickets:
Online: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/branchbrief>
Or send a check to
Friends of Ken Kerr
7412 Skyline Drive
Frederick MD 21702
Use QR code at bottom right for info



Authority: Helen Rozsics Kerr, Treasurer

Get your tickets to Delegate Kerr's Briefing [here](#).

November 2024 At-a-Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. Monthly Meeting
No meeting in November

Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street, Frederick

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
Saturday, November 16 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, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Frederick Democrats Office located at 8 W. 5th Street, Frederick

Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC)
Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Democratic HQ located at 8 W. 5th Street, Frederick

Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting
Thursday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd, Frederick



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Frederick County Democrats

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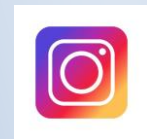
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Vice President Kamala Harris &
Tim Walz - [Website](#)

**DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES
FOR THE 2024 ELECTION**

U.S. SENATE

Angela Alsobrooks - [Website](#)



**U.S. CONGRESS,
DISTRICT 6**

April McClain Delaney - [Website](#)

BOARD OF EDUCATION, FREDERICK COUNTY

Choose from this recommended list.

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Josh Bokee – [Website](#)

Veronica Lowe - [Website](#)

Janier Monier – [Website](#)

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