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An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

By Authority: FCDCC, Tony Soltero, Treasurer

April 2017

Central Committee

(Seated L – R) Derek Shackelford, Michael Sowell, Myrna Whitworth, Mari Lee, Mark Jafari
(Standing L-R) Bob Kresslein, Tom Gill, Jamie Shopland, Helena Madison, Deborah Carter, Angela Spencer, Tony Soltero



(New member: Millicent Hall. New photo coming soon!)

Chair's Corner

The Frederick Democratic Central Committee has added a new member – Joshua Cramer. He was one of eighteen highly qualified candidates who competed to succeed Derek Shackelford on the committee. A lifelong resident of Frederick County, Josh teaches history in the Washington County Public School system, although he began his teaching career here in Frederick County at Linganore High School. He is a graduate of Shepherd University and holds an M.A. in Applied History from Shippensburg University. Josh has been involved in the 2016 election and its aftermath and is active as a leader and organizer in the Washington County Teachers' Association. He is familiar with the current social media landscape and already is working on strategies to reach out to diverse communities on a variety of platforms.

As we welcomed Josh to the committee, it was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Central Committee member Angela Spencer. Angela is one of Frederick's most respected and committed public servants; in fact, the *Daily Record* just recognized her dedication by naming her one of the top 100 women in Maryland for 2017. We will continue to follow Angela as she makes her mark on Frederick County, and we hope to find a replacement with as much dedication and drive. We will be interviewing the fourteen applicants for that position on Tuesday and hope to be able to announce our twelfth and final member of the Central Committee in just a few days. Stay tuned!

We are looking forward to our first Plowman/Fisherman event of the year and would like to thank Senator Ron Young and Delegate Karen Lewis Young for co-hosting this special evening on April 18. Just one week after Sine Die, we will have the opportunity to get a

first hand assessment of the session from one of Maryland's most distinguished and long serving legislators. It promises to be a very interesting evening at one of Frederick's most notable landmarks – the Weinberg Center.

We also hope you will join us on April 27 for a Central Committee Town Hall. We will be gathering at Hood College in the Rosenstock Auditorium from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Recently, we have had so many questions about who we are and what we are doing to bring positive change to Frederick County. We have seen a huge increase in the number of concerned citizens since the election of Donald Trump - many wanting to get more involved in local and national politics, many questioning the actions of the Democratic Party, many seeking a cause to support. New groups advocating action are sprouting up weekly, and attendance at Democratic Party events has multiplied. People who have never been politically active now accept that silence and acquiescence is

no longer acceptable. We look forward to hearing your concerns and finding ways in which we can all work together to bring positive change to our county and our country.

For even more conversation on how we can work together, join us April 28-29 at the Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Allegany County for the 13th Annual Western Maryland Democratic Summit. The theme this year is "Charting a Progressive Course in Western Maryland." The weekend begins with a Friday evening reception that offers an invaluable opportunity for networking. Saturday will feature a full day of appearances by the Democratic Party leadership and elected officials, with workshops on subjects of interest to activists and candidates alike; and we will conclude with a gubernatorial straw poll. You can register online at www.westernmddems2017.Eventbrite.com.

Myrna Whitworth



April 2017 at a Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting **Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

Café 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick
(Social time/dinner @ patron's expense at 6:00 p.m.)
NOTE: Parking may be prohibited in Habitat lot across the street.

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meeting **Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m.**

Mountain Gate Restaurant, 133 Frederick Rd, Thurmont
(Please bring a non-perishable item for the area food bank.)

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meeting **Tuesday, April 11 at 8:00 a.m.**

IHOP Restaurant @ Westview Promenade
5277 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick

Special Event: Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club Event
Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m.
(See invitation on page 10)

Women's Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting **Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

Café 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick
(Social time/dinner @ patron's expense at 6:30 p.m.)
NOTE: Parking may be prohibited in Habitat lot across the street.

Frederick Co. Democratic Party Volunteer Orientation **Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.**

Urbana Regional Library – Small Conference Rm – 3rd floor
9020 Amelung Street, Frederick
(More info & signup link on page 10)

Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) **Town Hall**

Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m.
Hood College – Rosenstock Auditorium
401 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick
(More info on page 7)

Frederick County Dems at the Food Bank **Every Friday in April from 2 - 4:00 p.m.**

Contact: Maureen Grayzeck – mgrayzeck2016@gmail.com
Frederick Food Bank Program operated by
Community Action Agency, 14 E. All Saints St, Frederick



Delegate Karen Lewis Young-District 3A

HB1362 has been one of the more controversial and misunderstood bills of this session. Hopefully, this summary, which was taken largely from talking points prepared by my colleague Delegate Carlo Sanchez, will clarify the legislation.

This bill merely upholds the law and findings in Santos vs. Frederick County (4th Circuit, 2013) and Arizona vs. US (Supreme Court, 2012) decisions, which state that:

- Remaining in the country without lawful status is not a criminal violation.
- The law requires probable cause that a criminal act was committed for a law enforcement officer to stop an individual.
- Even though the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) shows a civil warrant hit based on civil immigration violations, state and local police are not authorized to stop or detain someone based on those civil warrants.

The 4th Circuit court also found that jurisdictions are liable for damages when they arrest someone based solely on a civil immigration violation. Our

legislation requires that a judicial warrant is necessary for the following:

- For police to transfer someone to ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)
- For police to detain someone solely because of an immigration violation
- For police to give ICE a person's address
- For correctional facilities to detain an individual because of an administrative immigration detainer (which is a form filled out and signed solely by ICE agents without probable cause or judicial review)
- For correctional facilities to keep an individual incarcerated after their state sentence. It also continues to allow police and corrections to:
- Respond to a request for someone's criminal record, under state law that governs the process for such requests
- Issue a subpoena for information
- Update the NCIC and Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) databases with biometric data, arrest and conviction information, as they would for anyone else in their custody

Finally, as it relates to the horrible tragedy that occurred in Rockville several days ago, it is important to clarify that there was no immigration component to that crime. Matthew Bourke, spokesman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), said in a statement that a border patrol agent encountered Henry Sanchez in Texas during August. Sanchez was ordered to appear

before an immigration judge, but that appearance was not scheduled. ICE has since lodged an immigration detainer against Sanchez.

At one point, ICE had this individual in their custody and released him. They had not given him a date for his court appearance yet, and had issued a civil detainer. According to existing case law from the Santos and Arizona decisions, the police would not have constitutional grounds to detain or arrest this individual without probable cause of a crime. This will not change under HB1362.

Montgomery County has stated that this individual did not have any conflicts with the law here before committing this abhorrent crime. Montgomery County has been fully cooperating with the investigation and, if convicted, after serving his sentence, Montgomery County corrections will notify ICE of his impending release so that he can be picked up and deported. This is their current policy and does not change under HB1362.

Many are capitalizing on this incident to support their anti-immigrant agenda. It is important to remember that one incident, no matter how tragic, should not be used to categorize an entire community of people. This legislation is about the thousands of families in our state who want to give their children the opportunity of a bright future and a shot at the American dream.

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SENATOR RONALD YOUNG

Thank you to all who have written, called, and visited Annapolis this Session!



My office could not function without engaged citizens like yourself.



Tom Slater, Frederick Co.
Democratic Party Historian

John T. Willis – The Rest of the Story

John Willis just emailed me his latest compilation of statistics from the 2016 election in Maryland, which he calls “Top Ten Democratic Highlights.” Every election year he comes up with his list of highlights.

John knows more about Maryland politics than anyone I am aware of. Born in Carroll County and educated at Bucknell, with a Harvard law degree, John is currently Executive in Residence at the University of Baltimore School of Public and International Affairs. I first met John in 1976, when he and I were both attending out at the Democratic National Convention in New York, where Ron Young was a Jimmy Carter delegate and Wilbur Ford was an alternate. Ron was invited to Gracie Mansion, then Mayor Abraham Beame’s official residence, for an outdoor reception for Democratic mayors who were attending the convention. We attended as part of Ron’s “staff.” Amidst box lunches on the lawn, alongside the East River, we got to mingle with such luminaries as Senator Hubert Humphrey, Senator Alan Cranston and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young.

In 1984, John wrote Presidential Elections in Maryland. Lowell Hattery, Tom Hattery’s father (Tom served in the Maryland House of Delegates representing Frederick County from 1983-1995), was a college professor at American University who ran a small publishing company, Lomond Publications, which published John’s book. Lowell hired me, when I had just started my law career, to read books prior to publication and make editorial suggestions and to make sure that there were no legal issues. I did a pre-publication review of John’s book. Recently John co-wrote a book, Maryland Government and Politics, with Herb Smith, a retired professor at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) that is the “go-to” book for an understanding of the history and workings of Maryland government and politics.

John went on to be a political advisor for Comptroller Louis Goldstein and Prince George’s County Executive Parris Glendening. When Glendening was elected Governor of Maryland, he appointed John as Maryland’s Secretary of State, where he served from 1995 until 2003. John ran an unsuccessful campaign for Comptroller of Maryland against William Donald Schafer in 2002. He has been a frequent presenter at the Western Maryland Democratic Summits.

Here are John’s “Top Ten Democratic Highlights”:

1. Hillary Clinton received the highest number of votes for any presidential candidate in the history of Maryland (1,677,928) and achieved the largest absolute vote margin of victory (734,759) for any presidential candidate in Maryland election history.

2. U.S. Senator-elect Chris Van Hollen garnered 60.89% of the vote, easily defeating the Republican opponent by 687,350 votes.

3. Maryland’s seven Democratic congressmen were easily reelected with substantial margins, receiving between 56.0% and 74.9% of the votes in their districts. The Democrats hold seven of the eight seats in the U.S. House of Representatives from Maryland.

4. Hillary Clinton’s 60.32% vote was the 6th largest percentage vote for a presidential candidate in Maryland since the establishment of the party system in 1832 (behind only LBJ in 1964, FDR in 1932 and 1936, Seymour’s trouncing of Grant in 1868, and Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012).

5. Hillary Clinton set a record for the highest number of votes in Maryland history for a Democratic presidential candidate in Anne Arundel County, Charles County, Howard County and Montgomery County.

6. Hillary Clinton is the first Democratic candidate to win Anne Arundel County since the Johnson landslide in 1964!

7. Hillary Clinton earned 63.26% of the vote in Howard County, the highest percentage for a Democratic candidate for president since 1932, and 74.72% of the vote in Montgomery County, the highest percentage for a Democratic candidate for President since 1864.

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8. Democratic voter registration in Maryland for the 2016 presidential general election was an all-time high at 2,150,795, and the absolute margin over the Republicans was a record 1,136,488 registered voters.

9. Hillary Clinton received 12.1% more of the vote in Maryland than her national percentage (the ninth time in the last ten presidential elections that Maryland has exceeded the national percentage vote for the Democratic candidate by more than 5% and the greatest variance from the national average since 1924!).

10. Maryland ranked 3rd among the 50 states in the strongest support for the Democratic ticket (behind only California and Hawaii).

The picture is a picture of Bob Kresslein, John, and me at the 2012 Democratic Convention.



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Add your voice to the conversation as Democrats and activists from across the state plot a course to bring the fight for progressive values to Western Maryland and for Western Maryland's priorities to Annapolis and our nation's capital at the 13th Annual Western Maryland Democratic Summit!

The 13th Annual Western Maryland Democratic Summit will feature appearances by Maryland's Democratic Party leadership and elected officials; valuable workshops and exhibits on topics of interest to activists, candidates, and political junkies; and networking opportunities that have established the Summit's reputation as a signature event in Maryland politics.

Make plans now to kick off the weekend at Friday evening's reception. The reception is included with your registration.

Additional guests, keynote speaker, and workshop descriptions coming soon at www.westernmddems.org.

Registration, hotel and sponsorship information can be found by clicking [here](#).

By Authority Western Maryland Democratic PAC, Robin Summerfield, Treasurer



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!

Mari Lee,

Mari@frederickdemocrats.org

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info@frederickdemocrats.org

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Join Councilman Jerry Donald
as we prepare for our next challenge:
the upcoming election!
Light food and beverages will be served.

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—SATURDAY—
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4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Braddock Heights Community Center

4834 Schley Ave.

Braddock Heights, MD 21714

Please RSVP to jerrydonald371@gmail.com
Or by mail to PO Box 235, Braddock Heights, MD 21714

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Join the Frederick Democratic
Central Committee for a
Town Hall
Thursday, April 27
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
at Hood College
Rosenstock Auditorium

We look forward to hearing your concerns
and finding ways in which we can all work
together to bring positive change to our
county and our country.



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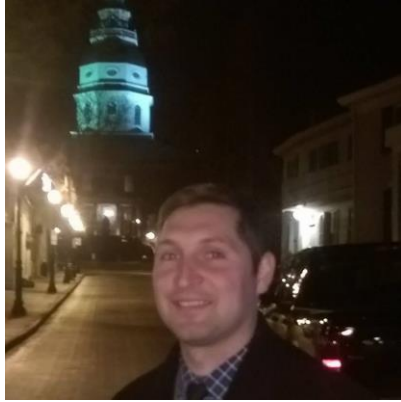
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The Central Committee welcomes our newest member – Josh Cramer!



Hi! My name is Josh Cramer, and I want to introduce myself as the newest member of the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee. As you may have heard, I was selected from a field of 18 candidates to fill the vacancy left by Derek Shackelford. Although I regret seeing Derek go, I am honored and humbled to take on this role.

For the last ten years, I have been a history teacher for Washington County Schools; during that time I have spent four years as a representative to the teachers' association. Last year, I served on a WCTA committee to recommend Board of Education candidates to flip the Board to one more focused on opportunity for ALL students in the county, and we succeeded. I hope to bring that same success here to Frederick politics. I am also associated with many activist groups in Frederick including Frederick Cares, Frederick County Progressives, and Our Revolution.

We all felt the blow of last year's election results. The Trump

presidency has brought with it a call to not only resist, but to organize – to get involved. Let us not forget that Maryland is led by a Republican governor, and that Frederick City has a Republican mayor. The stakes in this year's city, as well as next year's gubernatorial elections are as high as ever. But I have been inspired as I travel throughout Frederick County seeing the impressive and impassioned work of many progressive groups and their causes.

These groups and organizations are working hard to prevent Frederick County from becoming a foothold for Trump's dangerous agenda. To name a few, these groups include Frederick Cares, Frederick County Progressives, Our Revolution, Safe Haven Frederick, The Frederick Center, SURJ Frederick; not to mention the various Democratic clubs in Frederick County, including a resurgence of the Young Democrats of Frederick County.

It cannot be stressed enough that through the grassroots efforts of these groups and organizations, we will keep Frederick the type of community where *everyone*—regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or gender identity – is welcomed and valued for their contributions.

I encourage *all* Democrats, if you are not yet a member of one of these groups, to go and like them on Facebook, go to one of their meetings or volunteer for one of their many sub-committees to actively participate in your community. In his farewell address, President Obama noted "the most important title is not 'President' or 'Prime Minister'; the most important title is 'Citizen.'" For me, at least in my lifetime, I can think of no other time when the role of Citizen has been so

important. You, as Citizen, can have the greatest impact at the local and state level. Want to stop Trump and the Republican agenda? Start here!

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On March 6, we hosted the Frederick County Progressive and Liberal Activists Forum with representatives from the following groups: Frederick Action Team Huddle; Frederick Cares; Frederick County Progressives; Maryland District 8 – Indivisible; Safe Haven Frederick; SURJ Frederick; Swing Left; The Frederick Center; and Together We Will. We all had a chance to learn about new and long standing progressive/liberal organizations in the county and their purpose. It is important we keep open dialogue among the various organizations since there is some overlap in our missions, and we can help each other out. We must take the lessons learned from the 2016 elections to ensure economic justice, social equality, and criminal justice reforms are not pushed aside by the new administration. There has been a great energy in our county, and we hope everyone at the meeting was able to be enriched by the exchange of ideas.

UDFC usually meets the first Monday of each month and gives Democrats an opportunity to discuss topics of interest to the membership and/or the community, as well as to organize to promote Democratic causes.

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Our next meeting will be Monday, April 3, 2017, with a civics lesson from Peter Ciferri (attorney and community organizer) and George Cassutto (educator, labor organizer, and community activist). UDFC meets at Café 611, 611 North Market Street in Frederick. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for dinner and socializing; meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.



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!



**Advocating for Women's
Issues and Equality for All
People Since 1923**

Join us at our next meeting,
Wednesday, April 19th at 7 p.m. at Café 611,
611 North Market Street
(Social time - 6:30 p.m. | Menu available)

**Join us for our Legislative Wrap-Up as we discuss
legislative progress at the County and State levels!**

Web: www.WDLFrederick.com
Email: wdlfrederick@gmail.com
Facebook: [com/WomenDemsFrederick](https://www.facebook.com/WomenDemsFrederick)



Tuesday, April 11, 2017

8:00 A.M.

IHOP Restaurant
5277 Buckeystown Pike,
Frederick
(Westview Promenade)

**Join the South Frederick
County Democratic Group for
breakfast on the second
Tuesday of the month for lively
conversation and discussion.**

Guest speaker:
**Diane Fink, Director of Emerge
Maryland**

Need more information?
Please contact Rolan Clark,
[**rolan.clark@comcast.net.**](mailto:rolan.clark@comcast.net)

All are Welcome.

Come when you can and leave
when you must.

Hope to see you there!

Get your ticket now!

To purchase your ticket online for the Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club event, click [here](#).

Please also RSVP to Mari Lee, mari@frederickdemocrats.org

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Volunteer & Outreach team of the Frederick County Democratic Party invites you to attend an informal one hour **“Volunteer Orientation/Meet-n-Greet” on Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m.** at the Urbana Regional Library in the Community Room on the 3rd floor. The address is 9020 Amelung St, Frederick, MD. Light refreshments will be provided while supplies last. That evening you will have the opportunity to meet other volunteers, and to learn more about the various community **events and activities we’ll be** involved in as part of our critical outreach efforts to build the party and gain momentum for the Frederick City election this year and gubernatorial election cycle in 2018.

To reserve a seat for the orientation, please click [here](#) to sign up. Once you do, you will receive an automatic notification from SignUpGenius. Soon thereafter, you will also receive an email from us to officially confirm your reservation.

We look forward having you as a part of our great team of **volunteers! It’s because of you** that our county, state and Party thrives!



THE MONOCACY
PLOWMAN AND FISHERMAN CLUB
INVITES YOU TO OUR 2017 KICKOFF EVENT

THE LEGISLATURE
VS
LARRY HOGAN

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
6:00 TO 8:00 PM

THE WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS
20 W PATRICK STREET | FREDERICK MD 21701

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Last Saturday our training session was joined by a crew from NPR; Lucy Perkins, producer of Weekend Edition, Marc Rivers, an intern and the amazing Lourdes Garcia-Navarro, host of Weekend Edition.

They told our story as only NPR can. You can listen to it by going online to:
<http://bit.ly/WkndEd>.

Making a difference in Maryland attracts national attention. Check us out on NPR.



Maryland Democrats Aim To 'Build The Pipeline' For Women In Office

Democratic activists are using the momentum from the election

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 @NPRWeekend
 Mar 19
 This morning, we'll hear from Democratic activist Diane Fink. She runs @EmergeMaryland, a group that helps Democratic women run for office.



Emerge Maryland board members and staff with Lourdes (Lulu) Garcia-Navarro of NPR.

L-R - Amanda LaForge, Kym Douglas, Lulu Garcia-Navarro, Diane Fink, Toni Sandridge, Mollie Byron



Garcia-Navarro interviewing Councilwoman Shannon Sneed (class of 2014) who helped conduct our training for the day.



Producer, Lucy Perkins, captures audio from a door knocking exercise as we train on how to reach voters.



Interviewing program members



Become a member of CLUBBLUE!

Later this year, the City of Frederick will hold its municipal elections for mayor and alderman. In 2018, we have over thirty elected positions to vote on, including federal office holders, governor, county executive and county council, our Annapolis delegation and more. As we look ahead, a question we each should ask ourselves is what difference can we make now to work toward the common goal of electing progressive Democrats in all of these positions. One way to do that is to become a member of CLUBBLUE.

What is CLUBBLUE?

CLUBBLUE is not a traditional club. There are no monthly meetings, and there are no officers. It's simply one of the fundraising arms of the Frederick County Democratic Party. Our "members" consist of activists and everyday people who contribute a monthly monetary donation to help the Party sustain its competitiveness locally in current and future elections.

How Will My Contributions Be Used?

Donations received through CLUBBLUE will be used to assist candidates up and down the ballot run energetic and effective campaigns, with professional polling and messaging consultants, data, fundraising assistance, and so much more.

Suggested monthly donation levels are \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25, but you are free to select an amount smaller or larger that is suitable for you.

Benefits of membership

As a CLUBBLUE member, you will receive The Banner (monthly e-newsletter)*, a decal and membership card, as well as discounts on Plowman/Fisherman events and our annual local Democratic Party dinner. An additional activity is also being planned this year that will be free for members. In the future, we hope to have T-shirts, hats and other items for you to show your support for the party.

How Do I Join?

We need your help to continue the fight to get Democrats elected to office and turn FREDERICK COUNTY BLUE! Sign up today by clicking [here](#).

Thank you!



*If you are already receiving The Banner newsletter – great! You will continue to receive it.

By Authority: Frederick County Democratic Central Committee | Treasurer: Tony Soltero

2017 Candidates' Corner



Jennifer Dougherty

My love of Frederick is a lot like yours. We think we have captured the American dream in a bottle. We live in a place where walking along the Creek, to the Square Corner or even in line at the grocery store is special – we chat with friends and say “hi” to strangers.

The dream cannot survive without the fresh air that makes it grow and thrive...but the dream also needs leadership and a little elbow grease to get things done.

Right now, we face some challenges – and despite what some people might joke about or write about on the internet – I am running for mayor. I would run 500 times if I thought I could do a better job leading our city than other candidates. I have been in business thirty years, and I am committed to Frederick.

It's not easy to run a campaign, and I don't do it for the exercise. I do it because our city is important. I do it because I know we should be reaching for the stars and making smart decisions about our future. After all, we tell our children to never give up – why, in my “serious middle age,” would I give up now?

So, if you agree that we need real leadership in City Hall and you can decide for yourself who can handle the job and stand up for Frederick, then I hope you will support my efforts. And, just so you know, you are among the first to hear of my official 2017 campaign!

You know I am a hard worker who will tell you the truth and deal with the problems on the table. And maybe you already realize that I can change things up, too – I did surprise you with a note nearer to Presidents' Day than St. Patrick's Day, right?

Frederick is the place we call home and we love it...help me lead it again by supporting me in the Democratic primary on September 12, 2017.

Take good care,
Jennifer Dougherty



Jeanette Bartelt

On March 4, 2017, I announced that I would be running for the Board of Aldermen of the City of Frederick. Having lived in Frederick since 1980, I felt it important at this time to get more deeply involved in our government.

Here are some of the issues I feel are important and plan to

research more deeply. Hopefully, with more input from all our citizens, we can move forward on them.

- A city that respects and works for everyone
- Growth that is responsible
- Open spaces that respect the environment
- Ending poverty and homelessness
- Hargett Farm neighborhood plan

I look forward to talking to all of you and hearing your ideas and suggestions. There is power in numbers.

For the Earth and its Inhabitants,
Jeanette Bartelt



The City of Frederick holds partisan elections for the Mayor and five-member Board of Alderman every four years.

Frederick City elections 2017

Democratic Candidates for the 2017 Primary

(Candidates' listing will be updated on a monthly basis. Filing deadline – Monday, July 3, 2017)



Mayoral Candidates

Michael O'Connor - www.oconnorforfrederick.com

Contact - moconnor1966@comcast.net

Jennifer Dougherty

Contact – jpd1492@gmail.com

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Aldermanic Candidates

Kris Fair – www.krisfair.com

Contact - Info@KrisFair.com

Kelly Russell – votekellyrussell.com (active soon)

Contact - kelly@votekellyrussell.com

Jeanette Bartelt

Contact: jmbartelt@gmail.com

Antonio Bowens

Dates to Remember:

Candidate Filing Opens - Tuesday, January 3

Primary Election - Tuesday, September 12

Filing Deadline - Monday, July 3

General Election - Tuesday, November 7

For more information on city elections, click [here](#).