



The Banner



An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

By Authority: FCDCC, Tony Soltero, Treasurer

September 2017

Central Committee

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Chair's Corner

In just twelve days, voters in Frederick City will be going to the polls to select their Republican and Democratic choices to run the city for the next four years. In past elections, the Democratic primary has turned out a very small percentage of the city's registered voters. In fact, in 2013, only 15.11% of registered Democrats bothered to make their voices heard. The challenge for us is to make sure that this time we get Democrats to the polls.

We have an impressive group of Democrats who have stepped forward to serve the residents of the city. Two candidates are running for mayor: Alderman Michael O'Connor and former Mayor Jennifer Dougherty. Ten Democrats are vying for the five aldermanic positions on the November 7 ballot: current Aldermen Kelly Russell and Donna Kuzemchak, along with Todd Anderson, Jeannette Bartelt, Antonio Bowens, Kris Fair, Ben McShane, Derek Shackelford, Kim Williams and Roger Wilson. Do you know whom you will be voting for? Your candidates can use your help over

the next twelve days. In addition to the money they need to run competitive races, they also need volunteers to get out their message and make sure supporters get to the polls. Please consider helping one or more of these fine candidates.

September promises to be a very busy month. In addition to voting, there are fairs, festivals and fundraisers. We will have a table at tomorrow's First Saturday at the corner of Market and Patrick Streets. Stop by, and if you have taken the voter registration training, consider staying to register new voters. We also hope to see many of you at our booth at Frederick's annual In the Street festival, which takes place on September 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Note that is just three days before the primary election, and we expect to have all the candidates there. If you have some time, volunteer! The Great Frederick Fair will be held this year from Friday, September 15 to Saturday, September 23. We are working with the Women's Democratic League to make the Democratic tent an inviting place to visit. Please see the signup information for all these upcoming volunteer

opportunities elsewhere in the Banner.

The Maryland Democratic Party is holding a Unity event for the city's mayor and aldermen nominees on Sunday, September 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Brewer's Alley. Come have great conversation with our nominees and other Democratic elected officials. Please join us, support the state party and congratulate our nominees. It promises to be a great evening.

Our second Plowman/Fisherman event of the year was held on August 22, with special guest 8th District Congressman Jamie Raskin, at the beautiful Hidden Hills Farm and Vineyard. We thank our most hospitable and generous hosts, Art and Robin Sagoskin, for opening up their home and bottles of delicious wine to some 100 Democratic faithful. We are very fortunate to have Jamie Raskin representing many of us on Capitol Hill. Less than eight months into the job, already he is making a name for himself. He sits on the Judiciary, the Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration Committees.

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The former three-term Maryland state senator has been a professor of constitutional law at American University Law School for the past 25 years. Jamie is a progressive at his very core and has championed many progressive and social justice initiatives during his years in the Maryland Senate and now on in the US House of Representatives. He is not afraid to act on his convictions. In the months since Donald Trump became president, many have questioned his ability to run the country. Jamie has done more than wring his hands; he has authored legislation that would invoke a never-before-used part of the 25th Amendment to determine whether the president is capable of doing his job. Our congressman energized the gathering with his passionate, reasoned and articulate assessment of the Trump presidency and of the constitutional strengths of our democracy.

Myrna Whitworth

A day to **Celebrate** the
Achievements of our
American workforce!

Frederick County Democratic
Central Committee
wishes everyone to



Monday, September 4

September 2017 at A Glance



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

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

United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting **Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

(Meeting moved to 2nd Monday due to the Labor Day Holiday)

Café 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick

(Social time/dinner @ patron's expense at 6:00 p.m.)

NOTE: Parking may be prohibited in lot across the street.

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meeting **Tuesday, September 12 at 8:00 a.m.**

IHOP Restaurant @ Westview Promenade
5277 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick

City of Frederick Municipal Primary Elections **Tuesday, September 12 from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Women's Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting

In lieu of a September meeting, the WDL will volunteer at the Democratic Tent at the Great Frederick Fair.

Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting **September 14 at 6:00 p.m.**

(Tent set up at the Great Frederick Fair)

Young Democrats of Frederick County Monthly Meeting **Sunday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m.**

Clagett Enterprises, 7540 N. Market Street, Frederick

Frederick County Dems at the Food Bank

Every Friday in September 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



Senator Ron Young – District 3

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

The highlight of my summer was welcoming my great-granddaughter, Claire, into the family in July.

I also had the honor of presenting over 45 senatorial scholarships to Frederick County students - one of my favorite roles as senator. The 2018 scholarship applications are due May 1, 2018 - for details see www.SenatorRonYoung.com.

Be on the lookout for the 2017 Annapolis Report, detailing the progress we made during the latest session. You may have seen me out delivering the legislative report to homes in the district. I will be delivering them through the fall, so please say hello if you see me out in the community. It's much easier to represent your interests if you remain engaged and vocal about the issues that are important to the community.

In the news this summer

Although we passed a fracking ban in Maryland, there is nothing to stop an interstate pipeline from crossing through Maryland. One proposed pipeline would cut through Maryland farms, parkland, and the Potomac, risking the water supply for millions of Marylanders. Delegate Wilkins and I called on Governor Hogan to conserve and protect our environment by rejecting the permit in a recent *Baltimore Sun* op ed. [Read more.](#)

The 2018 county and state elections may seem far away, but by my opponents have already started running negative push polls to discredit my record. With the Governor announcing I am a major target to defeat, the goal is to destroy the veto-proof majority in the senate.

[Read more.](#)

I am running in 2018 to champion for the creation of good jobs for working families, affordable health care for all, sustainable transportation strategies, education, and the environment. It remains my greatest accomplishment to act on behalf of you and all residents of Frederick County.

I greatly appreciate your ongoing support.

Ron



Save the Date

October 3rd

6:30pm-8:30pm

Bernard Brown Center Community Room

629 N Market St, Frederick, MD 21701

The Public Leadership Institute training on

***Voicing Our Values
Campaign Messaging &
Communications***

for Democratic candidates, advocates, and future candidates

Supporting book (pdf) available at <http://publicleadershipinstitute.org/messaging-guide/>

Hosted by Senator Ron Young, Delegate Karen Lewis Young, and Women's Democratic League of Frederick County



Delegate Karen Lewis Young – District 3A

I recently returned from the National Conference of State Legislators Summit. One of the highlights was a presentation by Doris Kearns Goodwin entitled “Some Lessons on Presidential Leadership.”

“What a turbulent time it has been to be a presidential historian,” Goodwin said during the closing session. On a day when the world was on edge over the exchange of sharp language between the leader of North Korea and the President, Goodwin said there were plenty of lessons we can draw from history.

“We have never quite seen a president like Mr. Trump,” she said, “but the anger and fear has echoes in the past,” such as the industrial revolution, the tide of immigrants in the early 20th century, and the wealth inequity of the Gilded Age.

One way to compare past leaders to Trump, she said, was to look at some of the traits that great past presidents shared. Referring to Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt, she pointed to these qualities:

- Each discovered he had the potential for leadership.
- They were resilient.
- They had the confidence to surround themselves with people who disagreed with them.
- They learned from their mistakes.

- They could control their impulses.
- They knew how to relax and shake off their anxieties.

Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, and FDR first ran for office in their twenties.

They experienced frustration, even despair, such as when Teddy Roosevelt saw both his first wife and mother die on the same day. “All leaders must develop a resilience to cope with trials by fire,” Goodwin said. “Like all leaders, [Trump] will experience reversals and adversity. The real test is not how he responds to winning but to adversity.”

She pointed to Lincoln’s cabinet, which she chronicled in *Team of Rivals*, as the ultimate example of surrounding yourself with people who might disagree. Lincoln said he needed the “strongest and most able” people to help him run the country.

Goodwin said she was heartened to see several of Trump’s cabinet appointees disagree with him during their confirmation hearings. Trump “seemed to be open to a strong foreign policy team and he’s shown a willingness to change his mind on policy issues.” The “chilling worry,” she said, was whether his recent remarks on North Korea were vetted with his cabinet or just a spontaneous comment.

She was less sure of Trump’s capacity to learn from his mistakes. “The question remains: Is his temperament suited to self-reflection? There’s not much evidence so far of that humility.”

Her one concrete piece of advice for the current president was drawn from Lincoln’s experience. He had a habit of writing letters expressing frustration and anger only to put them aside and sometimes never send them at all. One such letter was to General George Meade after the battle of Gettysburg. Lincoln was incensed that he’d failed to pursue Robert E. Lee’s army and end the Civil War. Taking a page from Lincoln, she said, “President Trump could set up two Twitter accounts,

one real and one fake.” He could use the fake one, she suggested, “to get the anger out of his system.”

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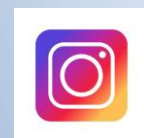
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Frederick County Democratic Party is seeking volunteers to help staff the Democratic tent at various events in September. Volunteers will greet guests, register voters, hand out materials and more.

Your help is welcomed and needed to make our efforts a success. Please sign up for a shift or two at one or more of the events.

Questions? Email us at volunteers@frederickdemocrats.org.

In the Street FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 9

To view shifts and to sign up, click [here](#).



Friday, Sept. 15 – Saturday, Sept. 23

To view shifts and to sign up, click [here](#).

Frederick Latino FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 24

To view shifts and to sign up, click [here](#).

Middletown Heritage FESTIVAL

Saturday September 30

To view shifts and to sign up, click [here](#).

*Volunteers need to be certified to help with voter registration. If not, you can still help with other activities (greeting guests, etc.).



Are you a ClubBlue member?
If not, now's the time!

We are in the midst of the 2017 election cycle for the Frederick City 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**. Click [here](#) to learn more, and to join!



Editor's Corner

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Hope you enjoyed reading!

Mari Lee,

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Central Committee -

info@frederickdemocrats.org



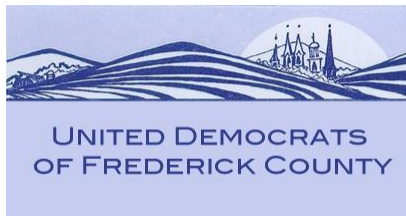
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 @ 8:00 A.M.

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.

Need more information? Please contact Rolan Clark, rolan.clark@comcast.net.

All are Welcome. Come when you can and leave when you must.
Hope to see you there!



at P.O. Box 3882, Frederick MD 21705. We're also on [Facebook](#), so please "like" the page and interact with us there!

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**1st day of Fall is Friday,
September 22, 2017.**

We had our annual picnic on Saturday, July 29, at Ballenger Creek Park with a focus on the city elections. We want to thank all the Democratic mayoral and aldermanic candidates who took time out of their schedules to be there, as well as everyone else who attended too. The clouds parted just as the event was starting, which made for beautiful summer evening. We would like to thank Barbara Clary, Ken Kerr, and the entire UDFC board for volunteering with the set-up and break-down.

The August 7 business meeting had four aldermanic candidates as the guest speakers. Derek Shackelford, Todd Anderson, Ben MacShane and Roger Wilson spoke about their vision for the city and how they feel their experiences would be best to lead Frederick into the future. This was the last in a series of meetings focused on the city elections. We thank all of the candidates for mayor and alderman who have made time to come to the UDFC over the last year.

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. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 11, with special guest Kevin Lollar, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick. The 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



**A CELEBRATION OF THE WOMEN OF
FREDERICK COUNTY**

October 18, 2017
6pm-9pm
Dutch's Daughter Restaurant
Frederick, Maryland

The Women's Democratic League of
Frederick County invites you to join us for a
special evening in recognition of the
contributions women have made
to Frederick County.

Individual Tickets \$40
www.WDLFrederick.org
RSVP by October 4, 2017

6:00pm-6:30pm Social Time
6:30pm-8:30pm Dinner and Program

The Stoop Storytelling Series and Emerge Maryland celebrate

SENATOR BARBARA MIKULSKI

12TH OCTOBER 2017

6:00 PM VIP RECEPTION • 7:00PM DOORS OPEN

7:30PM EVENT BEGINS

THE SENATOR THEATER • 5904 YORK ROAD • BALTIMORE MD

In Support of Emerge Maryland

Emerge Maryland recruits, trains and inspires Democratic women across the state to run for and win public office by providing unique and intensive, comprehensive training and access to a powerful political network.

We are teachers, lawyers, small business owners, mothers, government workers, scientists, political consultants, elected officials and more. We range in age from 22 to 65 and come from all across Maryland.



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Contributions benefit Emerge Maryland

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<http://bit.ly/tributetomikulski>



**THE STOOP
STORYTELLING SERIES**

Central Committee hosts City Forum

In its continuing efforts to support its candidates and keep party voters informed, the Frederick County Democratic State Central Committee hosted an aldermanic and mayoral primary forum on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at the Community Room of C. Burr Artz Library in downtown Frederick. The forum attracted approximately 100 voters. All ten aldermanic candidates attended, as did both mayoral hopefuls.

The forum lasted three hours. Questions developed by the Campaign and Strategy Committee, as well as those forwarded by party members online, were posed to the candidates by Central Committee member Bob Kresslein. The aldermanic candidates held sway during the first 90 minutes, with the mayoral candidates following for an hour.

The issues included the balancing of historic preservation with economic development; visions for the Westside Park on the Hargett Farm; dealing with the opioid crisis and homelessness; taxes and city services; bulk trash pick-up and methods of increasing voter participation in city elections. Finally, the mayoral candidates were asked whether they would pledge their support to whomever is successful in the upcoming primary and urge their supporters to do the same. We are happy to report that both Jennifer Dougherty and Michael O'Connor unhesitatingly agreed to do so.

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New episodes of the Frederick Democrats' podcasts are uploaded every Friday. Be sure to listen in as we discuss all things of interest to local Dems.

Listen on [Soundcloud](#), [iTunes](#) or on your podcast app. Be sure to follow us too!

Frederick Democrats Unity Happy Hour!

We stand united to turn City Hall blue!
Come hear our city candidates share their vision for moving Frederick forward.

Sunday, September 17

6:30 - 8:30pm

Brewer's Alley, 124 N. Market Street, Frederick MD

Space is limited -

RSVP to info@mddems.org

Cohosted by Frederick County Democratic Central Committee, County Executive Jan Gardner, State Sen. Ron Young, Frederick Young Dems, Jennifer Dougherty, Michael and Tammy O'Connor, Honorable Beverly Byron, Geb and Jane Byron, Tom Slater, Bob Kresslein, and Maryland Democratic Party
host committee in formation

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National Voter Registration Day is
Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Register to vote [online](#)!

2017 Candidates' Corner



Michael O'Connor
for Mayor

The first opportunity for early voting in a local city election is in the books. Now it's on to the primary election, September 12. Thank you to everyone who has been so incredibly supportive, making contributions, taking yards signs, and casting votes.

Our focus has been on how to approach the challenges and opportunities in Frederick City with a greater sense of urgency – from blight to poverty elimination to economic development throughout the city – and to do more to engage our residents in the important work of local government, using 21st century technology to connect neighborhoods with City Hall.

It has been wonderful getting to know and work alongside the other candidates in the race, and I look forward to a strong Democratic team leading at City Hall. Please reach out at any time to moconnor1966@comcast.net or moconnor@cityoffrederick.com, or take time to say hello at In the Street or the Great Frederick Fair.

After eight years as alderman, it continues to be my honor to serve. I am lucky to have been born in Frederick and am grateful every day for the opportunities this community offers me and my family, opportunities everyone who lives here should be

able to experience. Thank you for all you do to support this vision.

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Donna K
FOR ALDERMAN

DONNA KUZEMCHAK IN THE LEAD, SAYS FUNDRAISING REPORTS

As of August, City of Frederick Alderwoman, Donna Kuzemchak, leads all 2017 Democratic Aldermanic candidates in both total amount of contributions raised and in number of individual contributors. According to campaign finance reports from the first official filing period, published on the official City of Frederick website, Kuzemchak received more than \$10,000 in contributions.

"I am very humbled by the outpouring of support," says Kuzemchak. "I credit my dedicated team for their sustained commitment and every single donor, regardless of contribution amount, for their belief and support to continue our fight for what's right in the City of Frederick."

Kuzemchak's campaign platform, centered upon kids, families, affordable living and equality, is also drawing attention with continued spikes in both social media and campaign website traffic.

"I am continually grateful for the positive reception that our message receives when I am able to knock on doors," Kuzemchak added. "Our campaign takes nothing for granted and we believe that we owe it to

individual city residents, kids and families, to advocate as loudly as possible for affordable living, public education, human rights, historic integrity, smart growth, public safety and the arts. This is the fight for what's right."

Volunteer, contribute or learn more about the Donna K 4 Alderman campaign at: vote4donnak.com.

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Support: **Jeannette Bartelt**
For Frederick City Alderman 2017

Help Create:

- A city that **Respects and Works for Everyone**
 - Economic Development with Living Wage Jobs
 - Attention to needs of seniors & new residents
 - Affordable and Low Income Housing
 - Hargett Farm Neighborhood Plan
- **Responsible Growth**

Meet & Greet Jeannette on September 6, 7 to 8:30pm, Hillcrest Community Center, Orchard Rd, Frederick 21703

Learn more at:
www.jbforalderman.com
Or on Facebook.com/jmbartelt

By Authority of: Jeannette Bartelt's Campaign, Treasurer, James French

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

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Democratic Candidates for the 2017 Primary



Mayoral Candidates

Jennifer Dougherty - www.jenniferformayor.com
Contact - jpd1492@gmail.com

Michael O'Connor - www.oconnorforfrederick.com
Contact - moconnor1966@comcast.net

Aldermanic Candidates

Dates to Remember

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Jeanette Bartelt - www.jbforalderman.com
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Antonio Bowens - www.tonybowens.wixsite.com/bowens4frederick
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Kris Fair - www.krisfair.com
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Donna Kuzemchak - donna4frederick.com
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Derek Shackelford - www.derek4alderman.com
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Roger Wilson - www.wilsonforfrederick.com
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Kim L. Williams
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Primary Election

Tuesday, Sept. 12 - 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Polling locator: Click [here](#).

Early Voting for General Election*

Friday, Oct. 27 - 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28 - 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

General Election

Tuesday, Nov. 7 - 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Polling locator: Click [here](#).

* All early voting will be done at the Frederick Senior Center, 1440 Taney Ave.

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