# THE BANNER

# An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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# CHAIR'S CORNER

Chairwoman Deborah Carter

We have been busy, and August is shaping up to be even busier! There are so many ways for you to get involved, whether you want to go knock on doors, phone bank for the Frederick City election, attend a forum or fundraiser (virtual or in-person), or even run for office. We won the national election last year with your help, but now is not the time to get complacent.

Tuesday is National Night Out, and we'll have tables at all four city locations: Carrollton Park, Hill Street Park, Lucas Village, and Mullinix Park. Stop by and see us, learn about the city election, sign up to volunteer, check your voter registration status, or just chat! National Night Out is always a good time.

Every Saturday and Sunday through August 22, we're inviting you to help with our no-contact canvassing effort. Elsewhere in this month's Banner, you can find the "Make a Plan to Vote" informational handout, which we're slapping on as many Democratic doors as we can before ballots start landing in voters' mailboxes. Sadly, we haven't had nearly as much participation this year as we had last fall for a similar effort. In 2017, the primary turnout was less than 20% of the electorate, and we'd like to see that improve in 2021! If you've never canvassed before, it's simple, and we'll tell you everything you need to know (and give you snacks). Sign up to help here: https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/contactless\_canvassing\_summer\_2021

The North County Dems are meeting on August 14 at Thurmont Kountry Kitchen.

Doors open at 8:30 for breakfast and socializing, with the program starting at 9:30. This month's speaker is a district 5 candidate for County Council in next year's election, Julianna Lufkin. If you can, please bring a nonperishable item for the local food bank. Can't make it this month? Email otoole@msmary.edu and get on the North County email list to keep updated.



The South County Dems have changed their meeting day and are currently nailing down a time and location

- perhaps they'll have it confirmed by the time you read this (but if not, it will be soon). They will now be meeting on the third Saturday of the month, starting August 21. The first post-pandemic guest is Danielle Haskin, who will talk about local health care issues. Email teacherdbc@aol.com and get on the South County email list to keep updated.

In case you missed the announcement, we are currently taking applications for a new male DCC member, as Josh Cramer has recently resigned. Any man who is a registered Democrat in Frederick County is welcome to apply. Just send a letter of interest and a brief resume to info@frederickdemocrats.org no later than August 20. Applicants must also be available for a brief in-person interview on the evening of August 23.

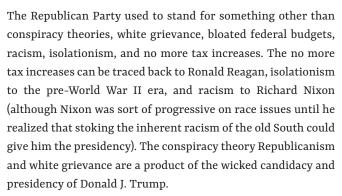
Finally, you'll find information about our next Plow-Fish event elsewhere in the Banner today. Doug Gansler is the guest, hosted by Brad Young, on September 1. If you're already a paid member of the Monocacy Plowman and Fisherman Club from earlier this year, then you're covered for this event, too. You just need to email and let us know you're coming. If you're just joining, \$120 gets tickets for you and a guest to this event and the final one (in November or early December). Details here: https://secure.actblue.com/donate/plow-fish-2021-2

As always, our Central Committee meetings are open to the public. Please join us at our office (1080 West Patrick, suite 4) at 6:30 on August 19 and let us know what's important to you!

The Rest of the Story

# WHÉRE HAVE ALL THE REAL REPUBLICANS GONE?

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



Republicans were known for their fiscal conservatism, even so much so that they often opposed increased military expenditures after World War II. Even though Reagan projected an image of fiscal responsibility, the federal budget was grossly out of balance at the end of his presidency. And since that time, Republicans have been so obsessed with tax cuts that they have allowed that obsession to obliterate any semblance of fiscal responsibility. Some Republicans say they are in favor of infrastructure improvements but don't want to pay for it.

Wouldn't it be nice if Republicans would just project their inner Rutherford B. Hayes. Hayes, one of our most obscure presidents - Thomas Wolfe once said "Garfield, Arthur, Harrison, Hayes were the lost Americans: ... which had whiskers, which the burnsides: which was which?" - was the victor in the famous disputed election of 1876. Samuel J. Tilden, the Democratic nominee, received more popular votes than Hayes, but Hayes received more electoral votes. Twenty disputed electoral votes, primarily a result of disputes in some Reconstruction governments in southern states (Florida, Louisiana, and South



Carolina) and the state of Oregon, were awarded to Hayes, and he defeated Tilden by one electoral vote. The so-called compromise of 1877 is understood to mean that the Democrats tolerated awarding the twenty electoral votes to Republican Hayes in return for the removal of federal troops from the two remaining southern states, South Carolina and Louisiana. The removal of all of the troops from the South marked the end of Reconstruction, and the votes and rights of African Americans in the South were significantly repressed until the advent of the civil rights movement in the latter half of the twentieth century. In reality, Hayes had little choice in regard to the removal of the troops because Congress, both Republicans and Democrats, refused to appropriate the money to maintain the remaining troops and northern public opinion was unwilling to sustain continued military occupation of the southern states.

Hayes, to be sure, was a Republican and was a strong supporter of fiscal responsibility, but today's Republicans would be surprised to learn that his views on many issues were not dissimilar to the views of many in today's Democratic Party. Consider the following:

\*Hayes blasted Ohio Democrats for working against the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, rejected, in his words, "the foolish notion of states rights," and attacked them for their irresponsibility and their racism.

\*Hayes was a strong supporter of the Civil Rights Act of 1875.

\*As a candidate for president, Hayes called for a "thorough, radical, and complete" reform of the spoils system, and he even angered some close family members when he refused to appoint them to governmental positions.

\*After his election as president, Hayes told Frederick Douglass that the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments "shall be sacredly observed and faithfully enforced."

\*Hayes appointed John Marshall Harlan to the U.S. Supreme

Court. Harlan was the lone dissenter in the Civil Rights cases, which narrowed the scope of the Civil Rights acts of the 1870s, and the famous Plessy vs. Ferguson case, which upheld segregation.

\*As president, Hayes advocated for industrial and general education for Native Americans, the granting of lands to them, fair compensation for the land that was taken from them, and the granting of U.S. citizenship to Native Americans.

\* A quote from Hayes after he left the presidency: "The question for the country now is how to secure a more equal distribution of property.. There can be no republican institutions with vast masses of property...in a few hands, and large masses of voters without property." In regard to Cornelius Vanderbilt he commented on "the inconsistency of allowing such vast and irresponsible power... to be vested by law in the hands of one man." And he wrote: "Shall the interest of railroad kings be chiefly regarded, or shall the interest of the people be paramount?" and "excessive wealth in the hands of the few means extreme poverty, ignorance, vice, and wretchedness as the lot of the many." Another comment: "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people has

become a government of corporations, by corporations, and for corporations." He said that "In proportion to their estates, millionaires pay less than half as much as ordinary citizens, whereas they ought to pay more taxes." He later assailed "the tendency towards a government of the rich, by the rich, and for the rich." Bernie Sanders could have made these statements.

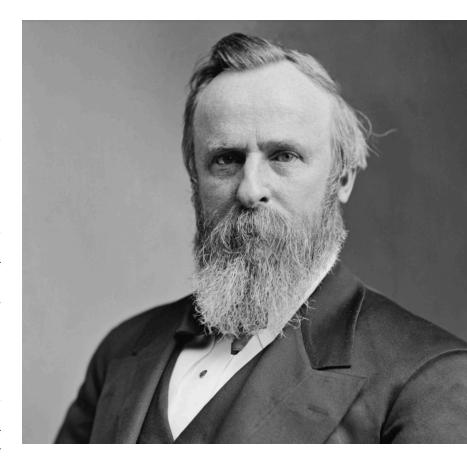
\*After his presidency, Hayes was a trustee for the Peabody Educational Fund and the Slater Fund (no relation), whose missions were to improve schools in the south for white and black southerners. Hayes supported a grant to W.E.B. DuBois from the Slater Fund for his university training in Europe. When Hayes died, W.E.B. Dubois wrote to the Slater Fund thanking Hayes "whose initiative my case was brought before you and whose tireless energy and singleheartedness for the interests of my Race, God has at last crowned. I shall, believe me, ever strive that these efforts shall not be wholly without results."

\*In 1888 Hayes declared "I think the time for capital punishment has passed."

\*In 1889 Hayes asserted "We must accept as settled the right of Negro suffrage and recognize education as one of the remedies for evils."

So to Trump-supporting Republicans and the crazy actions of Republican state legislatures across the

Photo: Rutherford B. Hayes



country to suppress the vote, I say take heed of the views of a long ago Republican and stop this nonsense.

Much of this column is taken from an insightful book, Rutherford B. Hayes: Warrior & President by Ari Hoogenboom. Hayes, by the way, was a hero of the Civil War and fought primarily in the Shenandoah Valley and Frederick and Washington Counties in Maryland.

I will be on vacation for most of August; therefore my column will resume in the October issue of the Banner.

Condolences to the families of former Senator Julien Lapides, Sean Hays, J. Maurice Travillian, and J. Sherman Mason, Jr.

# MAYOR MICHAEL O'CONNOR



There are many lessons to learn from the last 17 months about the value of community, service to others, and commitment to responsibility in the face of adversity. Perhaps on a slightly lighter note we also learned that fresh air and recreation are critical ingredients for both good physical and mental health. And the value of providing opportunities for both cannot be understated.

To that end, did you know The City of Frederick has 73 parks comprising 800 acres of land? They include well known ones like Baker, Mullinix, and Staley. But there are many smaller ones in neighborhoods throughout the city. They offer a variety of amenities with both active and passive opportunities. Our parks are one of the most important quality of life services local government can provide.

Over the last several years, even prior to the pandemic, we have committed resources to improving parks through rebuilding pavilions, updating playground equipment, installing or rehabilitating playing fields and sports courts, and through planting and maintaining trees, shrubs, paths, and more.

These parks and their amenities are available to residents throughout the city, with or without reservations.

Among the more significant commitments since I became mayor has been to move forward in developing the roughly 140 acres the city acquired in 2008, referred to now as Westside Regional Park. In the last several years, we have constructed a new access road, Contender Way. We completed phase one of Sophie and Madigan's Playground, a destination playground constructed as a partnership with the Lillard family, with the city providing land and parking. A half dozen multi-purpose

fields have also been graded and seeded to be ready as soon as this fall for play if the weather cooperates.

The city has also extended a partnership with the National Park Service to relocate their Historic Preservation Training Center from the city-owned Jenkins Cannery in downtown to the farmstead at Westside Regional Park. This collaboration will allow for the preservation of the farm buildings and the construction of new space to house the skilled tradespeople that the center employs in support of NPS preservation efforts all over the country. They plan to build community space as well to give residents a closer look at the work they do, while providing meeting space to groups and organizations.

The city is also completing a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The goal of this effort is to assess the existing facilities and programs and help plan for the future, both in identifying needs and developing the schedule to fulfill them given budgetary constraints.

With the input and guidance from our Parks and Recreation Commission, volunteers committed to the department's vision and mission, I am proud of the progress we have made in this important area of city operations. And because of our commitments to both the present and the future, the city is well positioned to ensure that global pandemic or not, parks and recreation will continue to be a priority because the physical and mental health of our residents is one of the most important things the city can support.

That is Moving Frederick Forward. https://www.oconnorforfrederick.com



District 3A – Frederick

# DELEGATE KAREN LEWIS YOUNG

Within a few days of the end of session, many of us start to plan our legislative ideas for the next session. Although a few 2021 bills will return next year, my major focus will be on addressing mental illness.

We all know that there was a mental health crisis before the pandemic. Given the loss of jobs and disruption of life routines, that has been exacerbated. Both suicide and the diagnosis of mental illness have increased significantly, but good outcomes have not.

There are a variety of reasons for this. Insufficient resources and the stigma associated with mental illness are major factors. Hopefully, now that two Olympian gold medalists have told the world that it's OK not to be OK, we have made some progress in reducing the stigma.

Treatment options, especially in emergency situations, are another obstacle. Too many people are released prematurely because they don't meet the unclear "danger" definition. Unfortunately, too many individuals with severe mental illness are jailed instead of sent to appropriate treatment facilities. These individuals are disproportionately minorities.

During the interim and the 2022 legislative session, I will be attempting to support innovative programs for treatment and trying to break down several of the barriers to treatment. This effort will take on several forms, as not everything needs to be mandated by legislation.

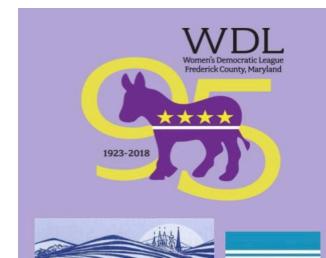
Working with Andrea Walker, Director, Behavioral Health Services Division at the Frederick County Health Department, we are in the early stages of rallying support for an Outpatient Civil Commitment Program. This experiment has already been implemented in Baltimore, but we believe that it should be tested in another part of the state as well. Also, there are a few opportunities to improve the current design.

The goals of the pilot program include: (1) reducing inpatient hospitalizations; (2) increasing connections to outpatient services; (3) realizing cost savings to the public behavioral health system; and (4) improving program participants' health outcomes and quality of life.

As a subset of the topic, I would like to look at some options for addressing the mental health of our children and youth. On a national basis, 22% of parents report their child's mental health or emotional health is worse than before the pandemic. Reinforcing that is the fact that mental health related emergency department visits are up 24% for children (age 5-11) and 31% for youth (age 12-17).

This effort could result in several legislative initiatives such as requiring K-12 health education to include mental health and relationship topics, requiring school districts to develop comprehensive suicide prevention plans, requiring teacher training, implementation of an evidence-based mental health screening plan, providing telehealth behavioral health services on school grounds, and including mental and behavioral health needs as an excusable absence.

Over the next several months I will be meeting with a variety of stakeholders and subject matter experts in order to assess the viability and potential impact of several of these measures. As always, obtaining input and minimizing opposition is an essential ingredient of the legislative process.



#### Join us for our Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 30 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Special Joint Club Event

#### "Virtual Board of Aldermen Candidate Forum"

Join WDL, UDFC, and YDFC for an online candidate forum featuring the Democratic candidates for the Board of Aldermen for the City of Frederick 2021 election

Visit our website to sign up for your virtual seat!

www.wdlfrederick.org

Questions? Email us at wdlfrederick@gmail.com WDLFrederick on Facebook

# ROBERT VANRENS

Candidate for Alderman, Frederick City

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With the Delta variant bringing rising COVID rates, we're pivoting back to low-contact campaigning. That means virtual meet-and-greets, mailings, and socially-distanced and

masked voter contact.

In acknowledgement of everyone's busy schedules, we wanted to try something a little different for our next campaign event. Please join me (virtually) for coffee (or tea) on Saturday, August 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to talk about the future of Frederick City, Frederick County, and the State of Maryland. Your ticket gets you (delivered to your

door) a 1/2 lb bag of locally-roasted Dublin Roasters Coffee or a package of locally blended tea, your choice.

We're having a conversation about the change that's needed in our community to bring about equity, transparency, and accountability so that we can start to work toward justice and responsible governance. Your voice matters in this discussion. I want to hear from you. Come join us on Saturday, August 14, and help support my campaign. Registration at:

https://secure.actblue.com/donate/saturdaycoffee
I hope to see you then.

# MEET CHRIS SPARKS

Candidate for Alderman, Frederick City



Chris Sparks owns Surelocked In Escape Games and has big ideas to solve the riddles of Frederick City! A life-long Frederick local and former youth minister, Chris is the only aldermanic candidate who operates a Market Street business. Sparks is running to give the next generation a voice in local government. His vision is built on advocating for affordable housing, emboldening the arts, and reimagining the city's role in helping our homeless citizens. Sparks seeks to transform downtown with a permanent Market Street Mall (pedestrian only zone), a free Frederick Flyer shuttle program, and the construction of the Downtown Hotel & Conference Center.



Check out his ideas at www.citizensforsparks.com! https://www.facebook.com/VoteSparks https://www.instagram.com/chrissparksforfrederick/ Twitter: @Sparks4Alderman

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#### Make a Plan to Vote!

#### BY MAIL:

- ✓ Every registered Democrat and Republican will receive a mail-in ballot. The deadline to register or change your affiliation is August 16.
- Read all directions carefully! Fill it out in black ink and sign the oath.
- ✓ Put your ballot in one of the convenient drop boxes or mail it in by September 14.
- Drop boxes will be located at:
  - Frederick County Board of Elections office, 340A Montevue Lane
  - Talley Recreation Center, 121 North Bentz Street
  - Hillcrest Commons, 1150 Orchard Terrace
  - Housing Authority Office, 209 Madison Street
  - Frederick Community College, 7932 Opossumtown Pike
  - Gov. Thomas Johnson High School, 1501 North Market Street
  - Trinity School, 6040 New Design Road

#### IN PERSON:

- ✓ DO NOT try to vote in person if you already dropped off or mailed in your ballot.
- ✓ There will be ONE polling location:
  - Trinity School, 6040 New Design Road
- Vote early September 8-11 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ✓ Vote September 14 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Go to frederickdemocrats.org to see all the Democratic candidates.
- · Go to cityoffrederickmd.gov to learn more about the election.
- Go to vote411.org to check or update your voter registration status.

¡Planifique su voto! Visite a cityoffrederickmd.gov





THE MONOCACY PLOWMAN AND FISHERMAN CLUB IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING WITH

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Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:00 TO 8:00 PM

#### AT THE HOME OF Brad & Cheryl Young

205 Braeburn Drive | Walkersville, MD PLEASE PARK IN CHURCH PARKING LOT BEHIND HOUSE

\$120 (\$110 FOR MONTHLY SUSTAINERS) COVERS YOU AND A GUEST AT THIS EVENT AND OUR NEXT EVENT.

\$75 ONE TIME TICKETS FOR YOU AND A GUEST

TICKETS: PLEASE MAKE CHECK TO FCDSCC MAIL TO: P.O. BOX 793, FREDERICK, MD 21705 WITH "PLOWFISH 2021" ON CHECK'S MEMO LINE.

OR PAY ONLINE: WWW.FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG

**RSVP: MARI LEE** MARI@FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG

AUTH, FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE, TONY SOLTERO, TREASURER

# EDITOR'S CORNER

Violet Williams, Frederick County Democratic Central Committee Member



Hello there!

There have been many changes made to The Banner this edition. If you have any thoughts or ideas for further changes, content you would like to see, or any other thoughts you can reach me at Violet@frederickdemocrats.org

or on Instagram @VioletWilliamsfreddems

Gmail Users: Our mail server causes the Banner to be sent to your "promotions" tab by default. If you do not recieve your monthly edition, please check for it in that tab. If it isn't there, please send me an email and I will check your subscription.

Happy reading,

Violet

# DID YOU KNOW?

Carter nearly did not make pins for his campaign!

Polyester nearly killed a political staple: Pins! Polyester suits, popular in the 1970's, were nearly impossible to pierce with a pin! They were so popular that President Jimmy

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# **BRAIN TEASER**

One day, a farmer decides to put his five donkeys and five horses together in the same field to save space. He moves the animals into the empty field and leaves them with plenty of grass and hay to eat and water to drink.

One year later, he decides to move the animals back into separate fields; but after moving the horses and the donkeys out, he finds that as well as himself, there is still one animal left in the field. During the year, no animal moved in or out of the field, so what is this extra animal and where has it come from?

Stuck? Violet@frederickdemocrats.org for the answer!

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# **AUGUST AT A GLANCE:**

Can you make it out to any events this month? We would love to see you!

### 3 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

FCDCC will be at National Night Out held in downtown Frederick on Tuesday August 3, 2021.

#### 7 FIRST SATURDAY

The Square at Market and Patrick Street in Downtown Frederick

### 16 DEADLINE TO UPDATE VOTER AFFILIATION

August 16th is the deadline to update voter affiliation for the Frederick City Election.

#### 14 NORTH COUNTY DEMS

North County Democrats will hold their meeting from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Thurmont Kountry Kitchen. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable canned good for donating to the local food bank.

#### 19 FCDCC MONTHLY MEETING

Join us for a meeting of the Democratic Central Committee 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

#### 21 SOUTH COUNTY DEMS

Time and location TBD.

#### 28 ASBURY BLOCK PARTY

Asbury Block Party will be on West All Saints St. from 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

#### 30 MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

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#### FREDERICK COUNTY DEMS AT THE FOOD BANK

Every Friday in July from 2:00 - 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

#### OFFICE HOURS:

The FCDCC Office will be open: Every Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Every Monday from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Canvassing for the city election will take place every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

https://www.frederickdemocrats.org/events/calendar





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# BE A MONTHLY SUSTAINER!

Your monthly contribution of \$5 or \$10 supports local Democratic candidates!



# SUSTAINERS WILL RECEIVE A FREDERICK DEMOCRATS TOTE BAG

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# VACANCY ON THE CENTRAL COMITTEE

The Frederick County Democratic Central Committee has accepted the resignation of Josh Cramer. Our bylaws state the Central Committee will be composed of six men and six women. In the event of a vacancy, the Committee will reach out to interested applicants, interview them and select a replacement. We are now accepting applications to fill this seat; to qualify, you must be a male resident of Frederick County and a registered Democrat.

The Central Committee is dedicated to supporting Democratic causes, candidates, and elected officials; and to increasing Democratic voter registration and visibility.

Our activities range from recruiting candidates at all levels and campaigning for them to raising awareness of Democratic Party principles and positions on issues affecting our community, state and nation. We are looking for applicants with the time and commitment to work to grow the Democratic Party in Frederick County. Our regular meetings are held in our office the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. In addition, each member serves on at least one subcommittee. We encourage interested candidates to attend the August 19 meeting to get a feel for what we do. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Democratic Central Committee, please submit a letter of interest that includes your name, address, email and phone number, along with a brief resume. Applications should be emailed no later than August 20 to info@frederickdemocrats.org.

Applicants must also be available for a brief in-person interview on the evening of August 23.



# **GET INVOLVED:**

https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/

# **GET INFORMED:**

https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Members/District

https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/frederick-demo-crats-podcast/id1255766786?mt=2

## **GET BUSY**:

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## GET CONNECTED:











#### You Are Cordially Invited to



#### **Before the Ballot**

A City of Frederick Democratic Board of Aldermen Candidates Forum

#### Confirmed participating candidates:

Donna Kuzemchak, Ben MacShane, Katie Nash, Kelly Russell, Derek Shackelford, Chris Sparks, Robert Van Rens

Free & Open to the Public

#### Monday, 30 August 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Virtual: Zoom

ASL Interpreter available

Please register in advance by scanning the QR code, or visiting www.WDLFrederick.org if the QR code isn't scannable.



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The Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) and the local Democratic clubs do not endorse candidates in a contested primary.

By authority: FCDCC, Tony Soltero, Treasurer



# Save The Date! THE FREDERICK DEMOCRATIC PARTY

# Annual Gala



MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

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MORE INFO COMING SOON AT FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG



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