

# The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

By Authority: FCDCC, Tony Soltero, Treasurer

September 2022

# **CHAIR'S CORNER**

#### Chairwoman Deborah Carter

August was a wild ride, wasn't it? Many thanks to everyone who is trying to heal rifts left after a contentious primary everyone who attended our unity rally, everyone who is out there listening at doors and working to get Jessica Fitzwater elected as County Executive - not to mention Karl Bickel as Sheriff, the Apple Ballot candidates as Board of Education, and all the Dems in between! Special thanks to Mayor Michael O'Connor and County Exec Jan Gardner for their words of encouragement, optimism, and focus. It is time to look ahead and come together as Democrats.

That's not to say we don't have our work cut out for us over the next 68 days, both in terms of defeating Michael Hough (and the rest of this year's cast of extremists) and in terms of reaching out to those who have been disenfranchised. Here are a few things coming up:

We can use your help this month canvassing, staffing our table at First Saturday and our tent at the Great Frederick Fair, and more. We're asking Fair volunteers to attend an orientation this year, as some information has changed. If you missed our in-person orientation last week, we're holding a Zoom session on September 7 - more information on our Ivolunteer page (link below).

TODAY is the deadline for interested applicants to let us know that you would like to fill one of our open positions on the Central Committee, and thanks so much to those who have already applied! We're looking for one man and one woman to finish the terms left vacant by Alex Dumm and Violet Williams. Please send a brief resume to info@frederickdemocrats.org, and plan to attend a ten-minute Zoom interview on the evening of September 6.

We'll be at In The Street again this year (September 10) and hope you'll stop by our tent! And the following week, of course, is the start of the Great Frederick Fair. Volunteers will, as always, be able to get parking passes and free admission. Our tent is right across from the grandstand, which means we get to overhear all the musical entertainment every evening. We especially need young, tall volunteers to help open and close the tent each day.

Later in the month, we'll be at the Latino Festival at FCC and the Middletown Heritage Festival as well. Please check out all the September volunteer opportunities here: <u>https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/</u> . And as always, watch our Facebook page and the calendar on our website for more information and updates.

If you requested a mail-in ballot, you can expect it to arrive any time after September 24 - and if you haven't yet requested yours, it's easy to do at this

link: <u>https://voterservices.elections.marylan</u> <u>d.gov/onlinemailinrequest/InstructionsStep</u> <u>1</u>. You can even save time by making the request apply to all future Maryland elections (primary and general). Be sure to ask that your ballots be mailed to you, not sent electronically.

Don't forget that our Central Committee meetings are open to the public. The September 15 meeting will actually take place on the fairgrounds, so that we can set up our tent after a quick business session. And if you're planning ahead, please note that our October and November meetings will both be on the SECOND Thursday, rather than the usual third Thursday.







# **Delegate Karen Lewis Young**

Democratic Nominee, Senate, 3

Counting primary elections, I have run for office nine times. I lost once in the general election for Mayor in 2013. While there are usually multiple reasons why a candidate loses, the single largest explanation was a lack of party unity. That gave us four more years of Randy McClement.

The potential consequences of a splintered Democratic party in 2022 are far greater. There are numerous candidates on all levels of the ballot that believe the conspiracy theories, would support a tyrannical leader, will attempt to take away our rights to make decisions about our bodies, will set education back decades, will give guns to everyone, and will only care about the wealthy individuals that fund their campaign chests.

We cannot and must not allow our disappointments from the primary election to allow that to happen. That means that we must get behind the Democratic nominees whether we supported them in the primary or not. We must also be strong advocates in discouraging those who might stay at home, refuse to vote in some races, or write in candidates. (Only Larry Hogan can do that!)

I would like to think that I have grown somewhat and learned a few things during my political career. One of the most important lessons is that we must get over our grievances and disappointments quickly. We cannot work in collaborative partnerships for the benefit of our constituents if we are bogged down by resentments.

Instead of focusing on what elected officials and candidates do wrong, let's make a concerted effort to identify what they are doing right. I guarantee that the latter list is much longer for every candidate that entered the 2022 primary.

When I worked at American Express, problem resolution was a huge priority. We discovered that if a customer had a problem, and it was resolved in a satisfactory manner, they became a better customer than before encountering a problem. I have tried to apply this experience during my political career. Some of my closest friends and strongest supporters are individuals that I had disagreements with in the past. Our present relationships are far more rewarding and productive than the debilitating consequences of negativity.

Many of my most treasured "lessons learned" were from the late Speaker Michael Busch. He told me that my most important task was to build relationships. I followed his advice, and it has served me well. More importantly, my relationship building efforts have served my community well.

Several months ago a member of the Senate Democratic Caucus cautioned that a red wave, greater than 2010, was anticipated. With the reduction of gas prices and inflation, and the fight to protect reproductive freedom, that tide has been reversed. Let's not squander that opportunity!

Finally, we know that historically women, minorities, and the poor have been left behind and we have a special obligation to assist them in achieving equity. Nevertheless, we must be attentive to the needs of the entire community.





### **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.* 

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Don't forget to check the calendar on our web site to keep up with Democratic meetings, candidate events, and more!

http://www.frederickdemocrat s.org/events/calendar

The Rest Of the Story

# NOW IS THE TIME

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

It appears that the primary election is finally over. I was not sure when I would ever be able to say that. The finalization of the primary results is bittersweet due to the controversy surrounding the results in council district 3. The Central Committee meeting where our nominee was chosen was tense and filled with emotion. Now is the time for healing, and that may take some time.

That having been said, now is also the time for rallying around our fantastic slate of Democratic candidates. The recent unity rally at Amber Meadows Park is a start. If we work together and support the whole slate, there is no reason why we cannot have a huge blue wave in November. We have 8,000 more registered Democrats than Republicans, and independents are growing increasingly wary of Republican extremism. Jessica Fitzwater is a fantastic candidate for County Executive, who has the wholehearted support of her primary rivals, Kai Hagen and Darryl Boffman – two classy individuals. Today Democrats hold four of seven council seats; after November it could be a clean sweep with candidates Brad Young, Renee Knapp, Jerry Donald, Lisa Jarosinski, M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Kavonte Duckett, and Julianna Lufkin. We are solid in legislative district 3 with Karen Lewis Young, Ken Kerr, Kris Fair and Karen Simpson and are going to put up a serious challenge in district 4 with Carleah Summers, Andrew Duck, Brandon Duck, and Millicent Hall. Democrats may dominate the courthouse as they did years ago with our top-flight candidates: Megan LeRoux, Chris Manners, Bonnie Nicholson, Michael Powell, and Marvin Schwab. Sheriff candidate Karl Bickel came close to defeating Sheriff Jenkins four years ago, and Jenkins has not gotten any better. There is no reason that the top four finishers in the nonpartisan Board of Education race (Karen Yoho, Rae Gallagher, Dean Rose, and Ysela Bravo) cannot repeat that feat in November, thanks in part to the gracious decision of Liz Barrett to withdraw to make it less likely that the "Hate Slate" will have any traction. Frederick County

should provide a strong showing for Wes Moore and Aruna Miller, Senator Chris Van Hollen, Congressman David Trone, Brooke Lierman, and Anthony Brown.

Despite the fact that Michael Hough is spending enormous amounts of money on television advertising where the Mike Hough depicted on tv bears little resemblance to the real Michael Hough, the whole Republican slate is vulnerable to being revealed as not representative of the traditional Republican Party, but as a group of extremists. Think about it. Hough was Trump's man in 2020, is bought and sold by the NRA, is against a woman's' right to choose, and works for out-of-touch, ethically-challenged and Frederick-rejected Congressman Alex Mooney. Sheriff Jenkins is anti-immigrant, an election denier, and a member of a sheriffs' group that does not respect the constitution of the United States. Jenkins said on WFMD: "Every Democrat in America is trying to destroy this country. I really believe that." Republicans in council district 5 have nominated an 18-year-old, recent high school graduate who knows little about making governmental decisions and is a Trump acolyte. And I have not even mentioned the Republican candidate for governor whom current Republican Governor Larry Hogan calls "mentally unstable" and "a QAnon whack job," or the white nationalist candidate for Attorney General, or the far-right 6<sup>th</sup> district congressional candidate. Let the general election campaign begin!

On another note, kudos to President Biden and the Democrats in Congress for passing the Inflation Reduction Act, one of the most significant acts passed by Congress in recent memory. During this campaign we must remind Marylanders that this act will make it more affordable to purchase energy-efficient appliances with rebates and tax credits, will bring \$6.5 billion of investment in large-scale clean power generation and storage to Maryland between now and 2030, will give tax credits to small businesses who install low-cost solar power and/or purchase clean trucks and vans, will support climate-smart agriculture practices, will give tax credits for the purchase of electric vehicles and will upgrade affordable housing. In addition, if you are eligible for Medicare, the Act will cap the total out-of-pocket drug costs at \$2,000 annually and will cap out-of-pocket expenses for insulin at \$35.00 per month. The act will also provide subsidies for those



who are eligible for the Affordable Care Act exchanges. The Act will reduce the deficit by imposing some additional taxes on high income taxpayers as well as providing money for the IRS to make sure that high income taxpayers are paying their fair share.

Condolences to the families of four prominent Democrats who recently passed away: Rebecca Windsor was the daughter of Jim and Ruby Hahn, who owned Hahn Transportation in New Market. Ruby served several terms on the Democratic State Central Committee, and Rebecca became CEO of Hahn Transportation and was a loyal Democrat. She was 95. Charles Luttrell was a long-time mathematics professor at Frederick Community College. He was the Democratic nominee for the Maryland State Senate in 1994, active in the United Democrats of Frederick County and was an enthusiastic athlete (golf, tennis, hiking, biking). He was 88. Warren Dorsey was a microbiologist, educator, singer, political strategist, civil activist and a leader of the Afro-American community. He was 101. William Hall was a two-term member of the Frederick County Board of Aldermen and a member of the Frederick County Planning Commission, as well as a community activist, a leader in the African American community, and an athlete. He was 86. They all left legacies that should not be forgotten.





UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Our joint meeting with the Women's Democratic League of Frederick County (WDL) was a huge success. On Monday, August 15, we gathered at Café 611 with several campaign managers to discuss what we need to do to ensure Democrats win in November. Thank you to Grace, Josh, Tarolyn, Stuart, Kate, Malcolm, Andrew, Paul, and Sharon for representing your candidates and sharing your wisdom with those gathered. We need everyone who supports Democratic values to join one of these campaigns in whatever way possible. We need volunteers to knock doors, drop off literature, make phone calls, send text messages, write postcards and to engage with people at various events. Please follow the Frederick Democrats social media and website for volunteering opportunities.

In addition, we can work on behalf of our great Democratic candidates every single day in our interactions with neighbors, friends and family. It is imperative we explain to people that losing control of the County Executive and County Council offices would be devastating for job growth, teachers, students, senior citizens, and our environment. The other side will make every effort to sell the county to the highest bidder, with no regard for how it impacts its citizens.

Again, thank you to all the people who heard the call and ran for office. It is never easy when you don't win, but you can still use your voice and influence to make sure your ideas move forward. We have municipal and city elections in the next couple of years and building on your current momentum will set you up for success next time.

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 <u>UnitedDemsFrederick@yahoo.com</u>, by phone at 240-630-4280, or by mail at P.O. Box 3882, Frederick MD 21705. We're also on <u>Facebook</u>, so please "like" the page and interact with us there!



#### NEW Democratic HQ Office Hours:



Mondays: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1080 W. Patrick Street, suite 4, Frederick (tucked in the corner to the right of the ALDI store) in the Vista Shoppe/Hillcrest Plaza

HQ Phone #240-877-7453

# September 2022 At-a-Glance



#### North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up Saturday, 10 September at 9:00 a.m.

Thurmont Regional Library, 76 E. Moser Rd, Thurmont (Please bring a non-perishable item for the area food bank.)

# United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting Monday, 12 September 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 lot across the street.

# South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meet-Up Saturday, 24 September at 9:00 a.m.

Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd, Frederick

Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting No Meeting

Women's Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting No Meeting

In lieu of a September meeting, the WDL & YDFC are volunteering at the Democratic tent at the Great Frederick Fair. They welcome you to join them there! View shifts & sign up <u>here</u>.

Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting

Democratic tent set up @ the Great Frederick Fair

# Please Join Friends of Karen Simpson for a celebration to support

# Karen Simpson

State Delegate District 3

#### Sunday, September 25 3PM – 5PM Address Upon RSVP

\$ 50 Guest \$100 Supporter \$250 Host \$500 Sponsor \$13 Young Dems



Friends of Karen Simpson Donna Flaharty, Treasurer Karen4Maryland.com Karen4Maryland@gmail.com

PO Box 1358 Frederick, MD 21702 301.244.9449



Meet with Karen Delizia Cafe Saturday, September 3 9 AM – 10 AM EST Delizia Cafe 14 E Patrick St Frederick, MD 21701

Meet Voters with Karen Saturday, September 17 10 AM – 1 PM EST 10 AM Gather 10:30AM -1PM Knock Doors

Dublin Roasters 1780 N Market St, Frederick, MD 21701

# **KAREN SIMPSON**

Democratic Nominee, Delegate, D3

Thank you, Frederick Democrats. I am honored to be your nominee for Legislative District 3 State Delegate.

It was a crowded race. I heard from many voters that it was difficult to choose from seven exceptionally qualified candidates. We all had unique experiences that prepared us to be excellent representatives for our district, county, and State.

We ran a good race. Everyone ran hard and everyone ran to win.

Thank you, Tarolyn, Ken, Kris, Josh, Billy and Steve. You inspire me.

Someone asked me at the Unity Rally if I was tired. Specifically, they asked if I was tired of my elevator speech. I laughed because I rarely gave my elevator speech.

Typically, I greeted voters with, "Hi! I am Karen Simpson. I am running for State Delegate. What is important to you?" And they would tell me how much they loved living in Frederick, how we needed affordable healthcare, mental health services, affordable housing and so much more.

I believe the best legislators are good listeners. They are servants to the community. As servants, they must know what is important to their constituents to serve them. And the best way to find that out is to ask and listen.

So thank you to everyone who answered the 12,132 doors we knocked and called. Thank you to the 4,450 voters who gave me the opportunity to continue my listening tour.



To anyone interested in my elevator speech, here it is, so when I knock on your door, you've heard mine, please share yours:

"Hello! I am Karen Simpson. I am a domestic violence survivor. I am running for State Delegate because we all know someone who has been abused, harassed, or assaulted.

Vote for me to disrupt cycles of violence.

Cast your vote early - for our District 3 State delegation - to make Maryland a safer place to live, work and play.

Remember me and vote Karen Simpson for State Delegate. Thank you."

How can I serve you?





# General Election Kickoff Fundraiser All You Can Eat Crab Feast

Frederick Elks Lodge 684 289 Willowdate Drive, Frederick, MD 21702

# September 29, 2022 5 - 8 p.m. | \$70.00

TICKETS: https://secure.actblue.com/donate/duckettcrabfeed BY AUTHORITY DF ROBERT BOWINS, TREASURER





JOIN THE CAMPAIGN TO KEEP FREDERICK COUNTY MOVING FORWARD



Authorized by Friends of Renee Knapp-Christopher Knapp, Treasurer



L-R: Ysela Bravo, Dean Rose, Rae Gallagher, Karen Yoho

# STUDENTS FIRST SLATE

Become a Monthly Sustainer for the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee! Our Sustainers are activists and everyday people who contribute a monthly monetary donation to help the Party sustain its competitiveness in upcoming local and statewide elections. How will my contribution be used? Contributions 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! What are the benefits? As a Sustainer, you will receive The Banner monthly online newsletter, a decal, and a Frederick Democrats tote bag, as well as discounts on Plowman/Fisherman events and our annual Frederick County Democratic Party Gala. Suggested monthly donation levels are \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25, but you are free to select any amount that is

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By authority of FCDCC, Tony Soltero, Treasurer

Following the results of the recent primary election, Board of Education Candidates Ysela Bravo, Rae Gallagher, Dean Rose, and Karen Yoho formed the "Students First Slate" in order to consolidate resources and make clear our plans for Frederick County Public Schools.

Our slate is made strong by our diverse backgrounds and experiences. Our differences are reflective of the community we hope to represent. We understand that we may not agree on every issue, but our shared fundamental values make us the best candidates for the Board of Education. We embrace creativity in problemsolving, collaboration, teamwork, and productive dialogue to reach the best solutions for the FCPS community.

As the name implies, we will always put the needs of our 45,000 students first. Every decision will be grounded in the belief that the needs of our students come first, and we are committed to allocating resources, considering curriculum, and making decisions based on meeting the unique and varied needs of Frederick County students.

We are all committed to ensuring that all FCPS employees are provided competitive compensation, benefits, training, and the resources necessary to allow them to do their jobs to the best of their abilities. We believe that FCPS employees should be trusted to do the jobs they are hired to do and that their education and professional training best positions them to meet the needs of our students. We are committed to exploring creative ideas to reduce class size and increase planning time to ensure FCPS educators can meet the needs of students.

We also believe in the importance of building trust through transparency with parents, central office staff, educators, and students by providing open communication and making all FCPS resources easily available.

As Board members, we vow to hold ourselves and all FCPS employees accountable for ensuring that all our students are provided a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and world class education. Together with other Board members and FCPS staff, we will work with all stakeholders to ensure that not only are our students career and college ready but life ready in our ever changing world.

Early voting begins October 27, and Election Day is November 8. The "Students First Slate" is committed to the success of ALL students and looks forward to earning your vote.



# LISA JAROSINSKI

Democratic Nominee, Frederick County Council District 2

I believe

- In democracy
- In excellent education for every child
- In a living wage
- In helping the homeless
- In a healthy Frederick County
- In standing up to bullies
- In racial justice
- In equality: race, religion, gender, sexual orientation
- In protecting our environment
- In listening to all sides

I'm running for County Council in District 2 and could use your support financially or as a volunteer – Lisa@LisaJarosinski.com.



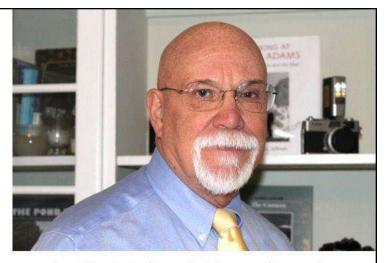


Frederick County is Maryland's fastest-growing jurisdiction, expanding in density, diversity and economic importance as a live-work community in the Baltimore-DC area.

Our growth must be accompanied by smart policing strategies and a community partner approach that keeps residents safe.

Karl Bickel is the only sheriff candidate with the education, field experience, leadership expertise and track record of community service required for a successful, 21<sup>st</sup>-century sheriff's organization.

Karl Bickel, Democrat for Frederick County Sheriff!



#### The Right Choice for Frederick County's Future!

- 40 years local and national policing experience
- 30 years service to Frederick County and Maryland state justice and ethics councils
- Former Frederick County Sheriff's Office Chief of Law Enforcement Operations

#### Join Our Campaign!

https://www.bickel4sheriff.com karl@bickel4sheriff.com 301-639-9665

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Springhill Suites Rooftop Bar 111 Byte Dr. Frederick, MD September 19, 2022 5:30pm to 7:30pm Sponsor: \$2500 Host: \$1000 Supporter: \$500 Friend: \$250 Guest: \$100

# **RSVP** Online

https://bit.ly/lewisyoung-9-19-22

Contributions by check should be made payable to: Friends of Karen Lewis Young

and mailed to P.O. Box 3662, Frederick MD 21705

For questions or to RSVP, please contact Kathy Rossen at kathyrossen@verizon.net or (301) 639-2155

By authority: Friends of Karen Lewis Young, Kathy Rossen, Treasurer

# FEDERAL

U.S. SENATE Chris Van Hollen - <u>Website</u>

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 6 David Trone - <u>Website</u>

# STATE OFFICES

Statewide

GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR Wes Moore & Aruna Miller - Website

COMPTROLLER Brooke Lierman - <u>Website</u>

ATTORNEY GENERAL Anthony Brown - <u>Website</u>

STATE SENATE LEGISTLATIVE DISTRICT 3 Karen Lewis Young - <u>Website</u>

HOUSE OF DELEGATES LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 3 (Three seats available)

Kris Fair - <u>Website</u> Ken Kerr - <u>Website</u> Karen Simpson - <u>Website</u>

STATE SENATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 4 Carleah Summers - <u>Website</u>

HOUSE OF DELEGATES LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 4 (Three seats available)

Andrew Duck - <u>Website</u> Brandon Duck - <u>Website</u> Millicent Hall - <u>Website</u>

# COUNTY OFFICES AND COUNCIL

COUNTY EXECUTIVE Jessica Fitzwater - <u>Website</u>

COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE (Two seats available) Renee Knapp - <u>Website</u> Brad Young - <u>Website</u>

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 Jerry Donald - <u>Website</u>

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 Lisa Jarosinski - <u>Website</u>

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 M. C. Keegan-Ayer - <u>Website</u>

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 Kavonte Duckett - <u>Website</u>

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 Julianna Lufkin - <u>Email</u>

COURTHOUSE CANDIDATES (Click <u>here</u> to learn more about the courthouse candidates)

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT Megan LeRoux - Email

REGISTER OF WILLS Chris Manners - Email

JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT (Three seats are available)

Bonnie Nicholson - <u>Email</u> Michael Powell - <u>Email</u> Marvin Schwab - <u>Email</u>

SHERIFF Karl Bickel - Website

# DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES FOR THE 2022 GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION



BOARD OF EDUCATION Four seats are available. Please consider voting for all four of the following recommended candidates:

Ysela Bravo - <u>Website</u> Rae Gallagher - <u>Website</u> Dean Rose - <u>Website</u> Karen Yoho - <u>Website</u>

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Sunday, Sept. 18 4-7pm Colorburst Park 6100 Merriweather Dr. Columbia, MD

# \$5,000 Terrapin Sponsor

Recognition on event initiation and on sponsor boards, verbal recognition during event, one reserved guest table, 20 total tickets.

# \$2,500 Black-Eyed Susan Sponsor

Recognition on event invitation and on sponsor boards, verbal recognition during event, 10 total tickets.

# \$1,000 Blue Crab Sponsor

Recognition on event invitation and on sponsor boards, verbal recognition during event, 4 total tickets.

# Tickets: \$40

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