

The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

The filing deadline for Election 2024 has passed. We have several Democratic candidates running for the Board of Education, Congressional District 6 (CD6), and the U.S. Senate. For a complete listing of Democratic candidates, essential dates, and more, check out our <u>Upcoming Elections</u> tab on our website.

March is shaping up to be a busy month. Join us for social time and conversation as we resume our Democratic Happy Hours. This month, we will be at Buffalo Wild Wings, 3335 Worthington Blvd, Ijamsville, on Thursday, 7 March, from 6–8 PM. We will have food on hand while supplies last. You may order from the menu at your expense.

As part of our voter education efforts, we will cohost a CD6 forum with the local Democratic clubs on Sunday, 24 March, at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ (ERUCC) Community

Room, 15 W. Church Street, Frederick. Doors open at 2:30, with the forum at 3 PM. Look for a flyer elsewhere in the newsletter with more information, including confirmed candidates and the opportunity to submit a question for consideration.

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, 19 March, at 6:30 PM, in the Community Room at the Common Market, 5728 Buckeystown Pike B1, Frederick. Come share your thoughts and/or listen in as we discuss our business and activities.

Save the date! We are cohosting a forum for Democratic Senate candidates on Saturday, 6 April.
Confirmed participants are Angela Alsobrooks, Marcellus Crews, Bryan Frydenborg, Rob Houton, and Andrew Wildman. Doors open at 10:30, with the forum at 11 AM. We will provide more details soon. On Monday, 29 April, we will host our Annual Gala at Dutch's Daughter. Stay tuned for more details, including our guest speaker, ticket and sponsorship information, and more.

In other news, the Western Maryland Democratic Summit is also in April – Friday, 12 April, and Saturday, 13 April. It's always an informative and well-attended event featuring Party leadership, elected officials leading leaders, and fellow Democrats. Limited tickets are still available despite anything you may have heard. Click this link to get on the waiting list; someone will contact you ASAP. We'll see you there.

Congratulations to the six Democrats selected as Biden Delegates to the National Convention. Three are from

Frederick County – Jessica Fitzwater, Karen Lewis Young, and Tom Slater; Brian Grim and Donna Edwards from Allegany County and Djawa Hall from Montgomery County.

There's still time to apply to be an election judge (worker). Visit the Frederick County Board of Elections website to learn more.

As I mentioned last month, the Central Committee is looking for office space that we can call home for several months this year during the election or preferably through the general election in 2026. We'd love to hear from you about potential affordable sites with good visibility and parking. You can email us here.



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

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



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

The Rest of the Story – In Case You Missed It

In September 2020 my column in the Banner was about Governor Larry Hogan. Now that Hogan has changed his mind and had decided to run for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate in Maryland, I thought I would repeat what I wrote in 2020 with a postscript:

Hogan is not One of Us - I have seen on Facebook and heard in other forums from Democrats that Hogan isn't so bad for a Republican. That may be true, for a Republican, but he is not one of us. He is a rock-ribbed Reagan Republican. I know that because I just finished reading his book, Still Standing. Before his junior year in college, Hogan served as chairman of Youth for Reagan and was selected as an alternate delegate pledged to Reagan when Reagan challenged President Ford for the Republican nomination for president in 1976. He did that when his father was leading the Ford campaign in Maryland. After college, he worked for one of the most conservative Republican members of Congress, John Rousselot. Rousselot was a supporter of the John Birch Society. When Hogan first ran for Governor in 2014 he aped Reagan's appeal to the selfish side of Maryland citizens' character by basing his campaign on one thing - reduce taxes.

Reducing taxes after Reagan and incorporated into the Tea Party/Trump Republican message with a heaping of racism, immigrant-bashing, and xenophobia, became the piece de resistance of the Republican credo: no vision for the future, no passion for solving real-world problems, no compassion for the little guy, no appreciation for the role of government to help people, just let me have more money in my pocket. Hogan has governed just like the Reaganite he is. Thank goodness, he has had a vetoproof Democratic majority in the Maryland General Assembly.

As evidence of the results of a Reaganlike approach to economics, one can look at an August 19, 2020 article in The Washington Post that reports that The Economic Policy Institute "found that the chief executives of America's 350 largest companies earned an average of \$21.3 million in realized compensation in 2019, setting the ratio of CEO-to-worker pay at 320 to 1, up from 293 to 1 in 2018 and more than five times as high as the 61-1 ratio in 1989." This is probably not a problem that Governor Hogan would recognize as the Baltimore Sun reported on August 14, 2020, that Hogan released tax returns during his 2018 re-election campaign, showing that he and his wife earned a combined \$2.4 million during his first three years as governor. The governor's salary is \$175,000, but Hogan retains 100% interest in The Hogan Group, plus significant shares in the subsidiaries of the Hogan Company. His holdings are in a trust, but he is allowed to receive updates from the trust. The Hogan Company is still doing business in the State of Maryland.

I will concede that Hogan is not a Trumpite, and he seems to be a capable manager in a crisis. His book demonstrates that he is a profligate self-promoter as well. All politicians have healthy egos, and <u>Still Standing</u> demonstrates that Hogan's more than matches the ego of most politicians. Admittedly, the book is a fairly good

read although I am not sure how much that can be attributed to Hogan's writing style or that of his co-writer, Ellis Henican. According to Hogan, it was he alone who quelled the anger that rose up in the streets of Baltimore after the death of Freddie Grey at the hands of the Baltimore police. In thirty-eight pages Hogan condemns the lack of leadership from Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, and not once does he mention the heroic efforts of the late Congressman Elijah Cummings to keep peace in his hometown.

POSTSCRIPT: Polling shows that Hogan remains relatively popular with Maryland citizens which means he will not be as easy to defeat as most Republican state-wide candidates have been in recent years. Unfortunately, there is no one running against him in the Republican primary who is likely to pull an upset like Dan Cox did to Kelly Schultz two years ago by appealing to the MAGA base that now seems to control the Republican Party nationally and in Maryland. I said in November 2020 that one quality that Hogan seems to possess is that he seems to be a capable crisis manager which may be why he still retains some popularity among the electorate. Remember that for all of his eight years in office he had a veto-proof Democratic majority in the Maryland General Assembly which means that he was savvy enough to sit back and let the Democratic legislature pass bills that reflected Democratic values. When he vetoed some of those bills, most of the time they were overridden by the General Assembly. It is important to note that he is seeking a position make policy and, if elected, the first act he will perform will be to vote for one of his Republican colleagues to be minority or minority leader (we don't know yet whether Mitch McConnell will continue to seek to lead Senate Republicans). After that vote, if he is elected, he will be able to vote on lots of issues where his rightwing Reaganesque views will be front and center for all Marylanders to see.

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He only appeared to be moderate when he was governor because he was not part of a legislative body that voted on issues like reproductive choice, tax policy, education, environmental protection, climate change, restorative justice, etc. Watch out, if given the chance, Hogan's conservatism will be demonstrated if he is elected to the United States Senate. He will not represent the vast majority of Marylanders and we should do everything to demonstrate to the voting public that Hogan in the Senate will not be good for Maryland.

New Ranking of Presidents: Biden is #14, Trump is #45

The Presidents and Executive Politics Section of the American Political Science Association surveyed its members about presidential greatness. The 525 members were asked to score each president from 0 (failure) to 100 (great). Here are the **results**:

Rank	President	2024 Rating
1	Abraham Lincoln	93.87
2	Franklin D. Roosevelt	90.83
3	George Washington	90.32
4	Theodore Roosevelt	78.58
5	Thomas Jefferson	77.53
6	Harry S. Truman	75.34
7	Barack Obama	73.80
8	Dwight D. Eisenhower	73.73
9	Lyndon B. Johnson	72.86
10	John F. Kennedy	68.37
11	James Madison	67.16

12	Bill Clinton	66.42
13	John Adams	62.66
14	Joe Biden	62.66
15	Woodrow Wilson	61.80
16	Ronald Reagan	61.62
17	Ulysses S. Grant	60.93
18	James Monroe	60.15
19	George H.W. Bush	58.54
20	John Quincy Adams	55.41
21	Andrew Jackson	54.70
22	Jimmy Carter	54.26
23	William Howard Taft	51.67
24	William McKinley	51.23
25	James K. Polk	49.83
26	Grover Cleveland	48.31
27	Gerald Ford	46.09
28	Martin Van Buren	45.46
29	Rutherford Hayes	41.15
30	James Garfield	40.98
31	Benjamin Harrison	40.64
32	George W. Bush	40.43
33	Chester Arthur	39.61
34	Calvin Coolidge	39.38
35	Richard Nixon	36.41
36	Herbert Hoover	34.08
37	John Tyler	32.99
38	Zachary Taylor	32.97
39	Millard Fillmore	30.33
40	Warren Harding	27.76

41	William Henry Harrison	26.01
42	Franklin Pierce	24.60
43	Andrew Johnson	21.56
44	James Buchanan	16.71
45	Donald Trump	10.92

From electoral vote.com 2/19/24





UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Hello Frederick Democrats!

Heads up! There will be no first Monday meeting at Café 611 in March! Members are invited to attend a Forum with the Democratic Candidates for CD-6 on Sunday, March 24 at 3 PM at ERUCC in downtown Frederick. Pease see Mari Lee's article on the front page of the Banner; also look for her flyer in email! (Senate candidates to follow in early April!)

UDFC held the February 5th meeting at Café 611 in downtown Frederick. We focused our meeting on ways to be involved, engaged, and proactive in this election season! The evening started off with guest speaker, Steve Buckingham. Steve is the Advocacy lead for the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland. He and a group of others founded the group in 2005, and Steve served as

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chair for 7 years. While he holds no office at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Frederick, he is a member there and keeps UUCF informed of what they are doing. Steve detailed several areas of Legislation that UULM focuses on and works to support and get passed during the session. The group notifies supporters of when bills are being introduced and urges that they let their Legislators know of their interests in the bills and press for action. This is an ongoing "Grass Roots" effort that started in 2005 and continues today to keep voters informed and active in the legislative process.

Melanie Galloway spoke next and gave the group information on Post Card Writing which continues to be a great way for people to urge voters across the country in Key Races to vote in the upcoming primary and general elections this spring. Maureen reminded everyone that Kap Kaplowitz continues his efforts to register Frederick voters at public events and on college campuses. Kap always welcomes volunteers to help in a variety of venues.

I also remind you that Mari Lee, our Central Committee Chair here in Frederick County, puts out a weekly "Blue Wave" newsletter that informs Frederick Democrats about events happening in this election year. Shelly Beard Francois, also with the Central Committee, publishes a monthly "Banner" newsletter that is published monthly with news, activities, and events for Dems! The information in both publications offers many opportunities to volunteer and chances to learn about candidates you want to choose to support!

The League of Women Voters releases their voters' guide to the 2024 election on April 1st!

Looking forward to seeing you at future events!

- Maureen Grayzeck, President UDFC



UDFC Guest Speaker Steve Buckingham







WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Our guest speaker at our February monthly meeting was Alderman Kelly Russell. The meeting was held on February 10th at Café 611 in Frederick. Ms. Russell led us through a discussion on her duties as an Alderman, and on proposed legislation. The informative session was followed by a Q&A period with several Board of Education candidates as well as WDL members asking questions.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 18 at Café 611 in Frederick. The guest speakers will be Malcolm Furgol, Executive Director, and Ashley Rose Bennett, LHIP Program Manager of the Coalition for a Healthier Frederick. Doors will open at 6:00 PM for social time. Dinner can be ordered at the patron's expense. The program will begin at 7:00 PM.

I invite you to join us!

- Shelly Beaird-Francois, President, WDL



Cecelia Reidler, long-time teacher and county resident, Frederick County Board of Education

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FREDERICK, MD, Dec. 16, 2023 - With more than 25 years of public school teaching experience and having raised three children who attended Frederick County public schools, long-time county resident Cecelia Reidler wants to put her knowledge of the education system to work in support of the academic and social needs of Frederick County students.

"I am committed to closing the achievement gap among all our students," said Reidler, who launched her campaign to be elected to the Frederick County Public Schools Board

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of Education. "Frederick County has an increasingly diverse student population, and it is essential to foster a school culture where all students are affirmed and served." As both a classroom teacher and a department head, she made equity, inclusion, and excellence in teaching a hallmark of her career and challenged all educators she worked with to do the same. All children deserve an education that will prepare them for career and/or college success.

"I have taught for many years on the front lines of our public schools, working with both students, teachers, administrators, and parents alike," said Reidler. "I believe this extensive first-hand experience will be helpful to my colleagues on the Board of Education as we navigate the challenges and decisions that lie ahead."

For more information, visit www.celiareidler.com





We are looking for volunteers, to help us staff our Democrat Booth at various events, canvassing, and our Get Out the Vote efforts. Please click on the link below for more information and to sign up.

Volunteer Today



Angie Vigliotti for Board of Education

Advocating for Safe and Equitable Education in Frederick County

Angie Vigliotti is making her mark in the upcoming Frederick County Public Schools Board of Education election. As a dedicated advocate for teachers, students, and staff, she is determined to create a safe and equitable educational environment. With her expertise in special education, Vigliotti aims to be a strong voice for families and caregivers in Frederick County.

Vigliotti's commitment to the community is evident through her involvement in various initiatives. She serves as a service provider for disabled students and volunteers as a legislative reviewer for the Alliance Against Seclusion and Restraint. Additionally, she dedicates her time to The Frederick Center and actively participates in FCPS Board meetings, advocating for a robust and fair public education system. Notably, Vigliotti has also been involved with the movement to secure a faster construction budget for our Brunswick High School.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Vigliotti is a parent in a blended family with four children. Her husband currently serves on the Brunswick City Council, further deepening her connection to the community. Motivated by her passion for nurturing young minds in Brunswick schools, Vigliotti seeks to earn the trust, vote, and support of the community.

To learn more about Angie Vigliotti and her vision for Frederick County's education system, visit http://votevig.com. She welcomes your questions, ideas, and concerns as she strives to make a difference in the lives of students, families, and educators.

Sincerely, Angie Vigliotti

"Remember you can Vote for 3, so on Election Day, vote Vig for me!"

https://www.facebook.com/angie.for.b oe http://votevig.com

Angie Vigliotti for Board of Education -Authorized by Angie Vigliotti BOE, Christopher Vigliotti, Treasurer





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Hope you enjoyed reading!

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You Are Cordially Invited to



Before the Ballot

A Forum for Democratic Candidates for Congressional District 6

Confirmed participating candidates:

George Gluck, Geoffrey Grammer, Ashwani Jain, Hon. Lesley Lopez, Hon. Tekesha Martinez, April McClain Delaney, Adrian Petrus, Joel Rubin, Hon. Laurie-Anne Sayles, Hon. Joe Vogel, Destiny Drake West, Kiambo White, Altimont Mark Wilks

Sunday, 24 March 2024 | Doors Open 2:30 PM | Forum 3 PM

Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ (ERUCC) Community Room, 15 W Church Street, Frederick

If the Q.R. code does not scan, or you prefer to click a link, submit your forum question(s) for consideration here.



Free & Open to the Public



We welcome your forum questions. Scan the QR code or visit frederickdemocrats.org to submit questions by noon on Wednesday, 6 March. A designated panel will choose the questions in advance. No questions will be permitted from the audience during the event.

Light refreshments are available while supplies last.

Please scan the QR code or visit frederickdemocrats.org to register in advance. Registration is for a general headcount only; it does <u>not</u> guarantee you a seat.



Parking is available in the Church Street & Court Street Parking Decks nearby.

Seating is limited. The forum will be live-streamed on FrederickDemocrats' Facebook page, barring any unexpected circumstances.

Special Accommodations - Individuals requiring the services of an ASL interpreter should contact Frederick County Democrats at 240-288-1148 or info@frederickdemocrats.org, no later than Friday, 15 March. We will do our best to secure services, but cannot guarantee it.

Advance registration is not required, but we ask that you register so we can have a general headcount. Seats are not guaranteed.

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Save The Date! THE FREDERICK DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Annual Gala



MONDAY, 29 APRIL 2024

SOCIAL HOUR | DINNER | PROGRAM
DUTCH'S DAUGHTER

MORE INFO COMING SOON AT FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG



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Call or Text 240-801-6410 or go to JainForCongress.com to get involved









featuring Frederick County Board of Education

All registered voters may vote for this office in the primary.

Early Voting: Thursday, 05.02.24 - Thursday, 05.09.24
In-Person Voting: Tuesday, 05.14.24
Early & In-Person locations open 7 AM - 8 PM

Let's continue to protect our Board of Education against hate and censorship! You can choose three candidates. We recommend any of the candidates below. Each will improve our kids' educations, support and uplift our teachers and educational staff, and ensure an accepting, safe, open, and supportive environment for all.

Mahesh Aitha Josh Bokee

Veronica D. Lowe Allison Medrano

Janie Monier Cecelia Moore Reidler

Navian Scarlett Angie Vigliotti

Chad King Wilson, Sr



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March 2024 At-a-Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. Monthly Meeting
No Meeting

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
No Meeting

Women's Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.
Café 611, 611 North Market Street, Frederick

Democratic State Central Committee of Frederick Co. (DSSFC)

Monthly Meeting

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

Common Market Community Room, 5728 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick

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

Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd, Frederick

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

C. Burr Artz Library, 110 E. Patrick Street, Frederick, or join virtually - https://meet.google.com/ack-oyki-mdu



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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR THE 2024 ELECTION

The Democratic State Central Committee of Frederick County does not endorse Democratic candidates in a contested primary election. We encourage you to get to know them and help the campaign of your choice in any way you see fit.



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