



The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

By Authority: FCDCC, McCamie Patterson, Treasurer

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CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

We held our first campaign school earlier this month with about 20 participants in attendance. They heard from presenters: Diane Fink shared details on messaging, Stephen Slater discussed data analysis, and Anthony Lyon highlighted fundraising. Additionally, we shared campaign basics and volunteer management. We appreciate them for their assistance and thank all who attended. We plan to hold a virtual info session on Tuesday, June 24, at 6:30pm, for those interested in serving in a supportive campaign role as a manager or treasurer. Register [here](#) for that event.

We once again thank Senator Karen Lewis Young and Ron Young for hosting our first Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club (Plow-Fish) event a couple of weeks ago. Special guest Senator Guy Guzzone shared details about the Maryland General Assembly's discussions on the state budget and answered various questions about that and more. We are

planning our next Plow-Fish event on Wednesday, July 2. More details soon.

If you're in Brunswick or surrounding area, please join us tomorrow (Monday, June 2) at 6 PM, at the Brunswick Branch Library for a Community Town Hall – "Reconnecting with America's Values" – moderated by Democratic community activists Teresa Schwab and Tony Soltero. Space is limited. Please RVSP [here](#).

The following Monday, June 9, is our annual dinner with special guest Harry Dunn, former U.S. Capitol Police Officer. We have a limited number of tickets left. You can get yours [here](#). We'll also recognize our honorees for Outstanding Democrat, Outstanding Volunteer, Rising Star, and Stephen LeRoux Legacy Award.

Join us on Saturday, June 14 for our next resistance event – "No Kings - Reclaim Our Flag" co-hosted by Frederick Democrats, Rise Up Frederick, and Indivisible Frederick Coalition. Our event is in solidarity with the national No Kings day of action ([NoKings.org](#)), but with a slight twist. We're gathering at Mullinex Park, 16 South Bentz Street, to celebrate the American Flag. Come hear from speakers, raise your voice in song, and participate in a community art project, and more. We ask that you wear red, white, or blue if you can. Bring a canned good donation for a canned goods drive. Space is limited. Please register [here](#).

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 3, at 8 PM for a special one-hour evening resistance event.

Please also save the date of Monday, August 11 for a special fundraiser at 6 PM. This is not a resistance event. We will announce our guest speaker and details soon.

I want to update you on a new "Candidate Endorsements" bylaw the Central Committee adopted during last month's public meeting and that is now in effect. We took the necessary step to create and add this critical amendment because until that vote, our bylaws did not address general election endorsements. We want to do everything we can to be clear about the support we offer in future general elections and give our candidates the best chance to win their races. The new bylaw states, "*The Central Committee can support and publicly endorse Democratic candidates in a general election and can support and publicly endorse candidates that are registered Democrats in a general election for offices that are non-partisan. The candidates endorsed shall be the top vote earners in the primary election and up to the number of available seats. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Central Committee may vote to endorse Democratic candidates fewer than the number of open seats, after a primary election, or if there is no primary for a given election*"

We did not make any changes to our pre-primary policy. We will continue to remain neutral in contested races in the primary election.

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Reminder – the City of Frederick is hosting its municipal elections this year for Mayor and seven-member City Council. The filing deadline is Tuesday, July 1, with the primary on Tuesday, September 9, and general election on Tuesday, November 4. Click [here](#) to learn more, including info on new Election districts, where to vote, and a link to a listing of candidates who've filed to date.

Our local HQ is a collection site for a canned food drive this month. Local group Dems Help will distribute the items to designated community organizations. You may drop off items anytime during our hours: Tuesdays, 3-7 PM, Thursdays, 5-7 PM, and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM – 2 PM. Monetary donations are not accepted, and neither Dems Help nor the Central Committee will provide a tax-deductible receipt.

We continue to add information to our "[Resist Fascism](#)" page on our website. This page provides links to resources for impacted federal workers and links to sites and/or documents detailing how to contact your elected officials and options to get involved.

Join us at our next Central Committee meeting on June 17, at 6:30 PM, at our HQ, 8 West 5th Street, Frederick. Come share your thoughts and/or listen in as we discuss our business and activities.



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 Party Historian

The Rest of the Story: The Baltimore Sun, the Baltimore Banner, Two Millionaires and Burning Tree Club

For more than 185 years the paper of record for Maryland politics, Orioles baseball, and the Ravens has been the Baltimore Sun. In regard to political writing, the venerated H.L. Mencken held court there for many years until he retired in 1948. William Manchester was one of Mencken's mentees at the Sun. From the late seventies until the mid-2000's C. Fraser Smith expertly interpreted the political landscape for political junkies like me. Other notable journalists who worked at the Sun included Russell Baker, Tom Edsall, Jack Germond, Jules Witcover, Gwen Ifill, Laura Lippman, and David Simon. Reg Murphy was the renowned, long-time editor of the Sun.

Things changed at the Sun in 2024. For a long time the venture capital group that owned the Sun was looking to sell the paper. Ted Venetoulis, who died in 2021, and had served as Baltimore County Executive (1974-78), ran unsuccessfully in the Democratic primary for Governor of Maryland in 1978, and was active in journalism as a television commentator, had purchased some small local papers, and was interested in purchasing the Sun. In addition, Stewart Bainum, Jr., in 2021, announced his intention to attempt to acquire the Sun in response to the "Save Our Sun" campaign that was being waged by some of the Sun's

employees who were seeking local ownership of the newspaper. In March of 2021, Bainum, Jr. offered \$630 million to purchase the Tribune Publishing Company, the owner of the Sun, but the offer was turned down. Unfortunately for Ted and Stewart, and the State of Maryland, their attempts at acquiring the Sun did not come to fruition. For those who may remember Frederick County politics in the 1970s, Ted was the speaker at Frederick's Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in 1976.

Unsuccessful in his attempt to buy the Sun, in 2020, Stewart Bainum, Jr. decided to launch a full-service, non-profit digital newspaper that he named the Baltimore Banner (remember the "Star Spangled Banner"?) and committed to give or raise \$50 million for the endeavor. Since its inception, the Banner has provided competition to the Sun in all aspects of reporting about Baltimore and the State of Maryland.

In June of 2024, millionaire David Smith led a group that purchased a controlling interest in the Sun. Smith had served from 1990 to 2017 as CEO of the Sinclair Broadcast Group. Sinclair Broadcast Group is the second-largest owner of television stations in the U.S., often associated with Fox News. A study by the American Political Science Review found that "stations" bought by Sinclair reduce coverage of local politics, increase national coverage, and move the ideological tone of coverage in a conservative direction relative to other stations operating in the same market." Smith and Sinclair Broadcasting are known for being pro-Trump and for requiring their properties to broadcast packaged scripts and articles that have been described as "fake news." As a daily reader of the Sun, I have noticed numerous articles that come directly

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from Fox News and other more conservative media sources.

Stewart Bainum, Jr. 79, is the son of Stewart W. Bainum, Sr., who was the founder of Choice Hotels and Manor Care Nursing Homes. Bainum, Jr. became CEO of his father's company in 1987. His company has been described as a "billion-dollar enterprise." In addition to his business activities, Stewart, Jr. became involved in politics starting in the 1970s and 1980s with the Maryland Young Democrats. He was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates from Montgomery County in 1978 and, in 1982, was elected to the Maryland Senate. His elective political career ended in 1986 when, after capturing the Democratic nomination for the 8th Congressional District, he was defeated by Republican Connie Morella. He has continued to be involved as a delegate to the 2008 Democratic convention and a financial supporter of Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and other Democratic candidates.

The Burning Tree Country Club was founded in Bethesda in 1922, supposedly in response to a male foursome from the Chevy Chase Country Club being stuck behind a slow-playing group of female golfers. Its bylaws specifically stated that the club was established to promote men playing the game of golf. An 18-hole golf course was built as well as a clubhouse. Over time, membership has been limited to a specific number of men, and the initiation fee has been as high as \$75,000. Women are only allowed on the property during the Christmas season to visit the pro shop to buy golf-related gifts for their husbands. Members have included Speakers John Boehner and Tip O'Neill, Edward R. Murrow, Bryant Gumbel, and Barry Goldwater, with honorary membership being extended to presidents from FDR to George H.W. Bush as well as members of the Supreme Court. Honorary memberships to the Supreme Court

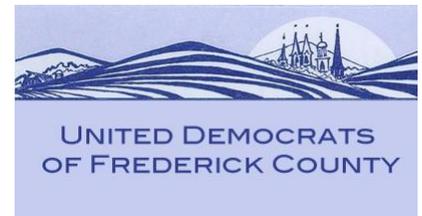
ended when Sandra Day O'Connor was appointed to the Supreme Court.

In 1965, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation that said that country clubs in Maryland would only have to be assessed at the agricultural rate (the lowest assessed rate) so long as they entered into agreements with the Maryland Attorney General to commit to preserving the land they owned as open space. In 1974, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation that prohibited discrimination by country clubs on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin, but exempted clubs whose primary purpose was to serve or benefit members of a particular sex. Maryland's Attorney General, Francis "Bill" Burch, determined that Burning Tree was exempt from the non-discrimination law because its primary purpose was to serve members of one sex.

In 1980, Delegate Stewart Bainum, Jr. introduced the first in a series of bills aimed at rescinding Burning Tree's tax exemption, but none of his bills passed. In 1983, Maryland Attorney General Stephen Sachs determined that Burning Tree's exception was unconstitutional and, at the same time, filed suit seeking a declaratory judgment against Burning Tree. Later in the same month, Stewart Bainum, Jr. (as a taxpayer) and his sister (a women seeking membership in the Burning Tree Club) filed a complaint in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County against the State of Maryland, the Department of Assessments and Taxation and Burning Tree Club seeking a declaration that the exception given to Burning Tree violated the Equal Rights Amendment and the Maryland Declaration of Rights. Circuit Court Judge Irma Raker ruled that the provision exempting private clubs whose only purpose was to serve members of one sex violated the Equal Rights Amendment, enjoined the Department of Assessment and Taxation from granting preferential tax

treatment for Burning Tree, and ordered that Burning Tree entertain membership applications from women. On appeal the Maryland Court of Appeals upheld Judge Raker's ruling that the ERA was violated but vacated the rest of her ruling. Later the Maryland General Assembly took away Burning Tree's beneficial tax benefits and the club pays over \$180,000 per year in tax assessments.

Today, millionaire David Smith still exercises his influence over the Sun, millionaire Stewart Bainum, Jr. continues to do good work, and The Burning Tree Club, as a private club, continues to be a men's only country club, but is now taxed at a much higher tax rate.



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Hello UDFC Member and Friends,

We hope you can join us at our next UDFC meeting on Monday, June 2nd at Café 611, 611 North Market Street, at 7 PM. Our guest speaker is Payne Harrison, who recently joined UDFC and is settling into life in Frederick after moving here from Texas. Payne is an author and Democratic activist who has some interesting ideas to share about Democratic activism! The doors open at 6 PM to order food and beverages (at the patron's expense) and for enjoying some social time. The meeting starts at 7 PM with announcements and a brief business meeting, followed by the program.

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Our May meeting had presentations from our three Democratic State Delegates from District 3, Karen Simpson, Ken Kerr, and Kris Fair. Karen Lewis Young was unable to join us, but had her Chief of Staff, Andrew Burgoyne, speak on her behalf. We had a Q & A session following the speakers.

If you have not already done so, you can join UDFC and pay your dues in person with either cash or check, \$30 for individual dues, and \$50 for family membership. If you prefer, you can mail your dues to UDFC PO Box 3882, Frederick, MD 21705

Upcoming events:

There is no UDFC meeting at Café 611 in July because we have our picnic on July 20!

- The deadline for candidates to register to run for office is ~July 1, so we are putting a hold on our August meeting - until we determine what kind of candidate events we may have prior to the city elections.
- The UDFC Picnic is Sunday July 20th at Middletown Park Pavillion #2, 7628 Coblentz Road, Middletown, from 2-5 PM. The picnic is free to members, but you are welcome to pay your dues at the picnic. UDFC provides, Fried Chicken, cupcakes, water, juice, and adult beverages, as well as paper products and utensils. Everyone who attends is asked to bring a side dish to share. No one leaves the picnic hungry! There will be elected officials speaking, as well as candidates! (See picnic flyer in the Banner!)

- Maureen Grayzeck
President, UDFC



WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Our April Monthly Meeting speakers were Danielle Haskins, Director, Frederick County Health Department, and Dr. Susanne Salichs, Ph.D., Director, Central Hispano de Frederick, who led us through a discussion of how the immigrant community has been affected since Donald Trump took office. If you are interested in helping out, please visit the Centro Hispano de Fredericks's Website at centrohispanodefederick.org for more information.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 16 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Democrat's Office at 8 W. 5th Street in Frederick.

The speaker is still TBD, please visit WDLFrederick.org

-Shelly Beaird-Francois,
President, WDL



SOUTH FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Next Meeting June 28 and May Meeting Recap

The **next meeting of South County Dems will be June 28** (the 4th Saturday rather than the 3rd) from 9:30 – 11:00 via Zoom. Our guest speaker will be **County Council member Jerry Donald** (District 1), who will speak on current county issues, including data centers, the proposed transmission line, the current state of Sugarloaf Mountain, and other topics of interest. He will also share his thoughts on his future plans.

To attend, please RSVP to Melanie Galloway at danmelgalloway@verizon.net. You must RSVP in order to be admitted out of the waiting room. To those who RSVP, I will provide the Zoom link on June 27. Feel free to invite others who are not currently getting South County Dems' emails but please ask them when RSVPing to note where they heard of the event.

In our May 19 meeting, South County Dems were inspired by a Baltimore speaker on Kingian Nonviolence at the Bar-T Mountainside Ranch in Urbana. Barbara Bezdek is a certified trainer in a Kingian Nonviolence program developed by two of King's associates. She is a retired law professor specializing in service to people's self-determination and human needs.

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While the full program in Kingian Nonviolence requires extensive training, we were able to hear highlights of the approach. She shared studies showing that nonviolent responses were more effective in toppling oppressive power than violence, especially in terms of lasting social outcomes.

We learned that the approach is based on 6 principles of nonviolence including that The Beloved Community is the framework for the future and that we need to attack forces of evil, not the persons doing the evil. She also outlined 6 steps of Kingian Nonviolence ranging from information gathering to providing joint leadership to implement change.

To make political violence backfire, she outlined 5 R's: (1) Reveal – expose the injustice; (2) Redeem -validate the target; (3) Re-frame – interpret the event as an injustice; (4) Redirect – mobilize support and avoid official channels; and (5) Resist – resist intimidation and bribes.

Hope to see many of you at our June 28 meeting via Zoom for an informative presentation by County Councilman Jerry Donald.

Melanie Galloway,
President, SFCD



Mayor Michael O'Connor speaking at a March Rally in Downtown Frederick

Work at the Local Level: A Beacon of Hope in Uncertain Times

Why Local Engagement Matters More Than Ever

As we navigate the complexities of our modern world, and the reality of a federal partner that is proving more unreliable by the day, the importance of work at the local level has never been more pronounced. It is our local communities who are becoming the true pillars of democracy, and why I am honored to serve the residents of Frederick and look forward to your support as I seek re-election in 2025.

Democracy requires defenders, individuals who are committed to action beyond words and who know that our compassion is our superpower. For the past eight years we have been building a movement that transcends the moment (episodic flooding, COVID, George Floyd) fostering relationships that expand opportunity, vibrancy, resilience, and sustainability.

My administrations has spearheaded many initiatives that exemplify the power of community-driven progress. The new Police Headquarters, progress on the Westside Regional Park Community Center, the

Westside Library in collaboration with the county, and the improvements to Hill Street and Mullinix Park all stand as evidence of our commitment to fostering a thriving and inclusive community. The groundbreaking for AARCH on All Saints Street, numerous traffic calming initiatives, and progress on ongoing flood mitigation efforts further show our dedication to creating a safe and vibrant environment for all residents. And we have stayed focused on transformational projects like safety improvements to Route 15, upgrades to Harry Grove Stadium, and securing state support for the Downtown Hotel and Conference Centers, projects that will sustain and support economic development.

Engaging with all communities has been at the core of our work. We have forged strong partnerships with nonprofit organizations, immigrant advocates, businesses, youth groups, and the LGBTQ+ community. This inclusive approach ensures that every voice is heard and every need is understood. Frederick, in an O'Connor administration, is built on the values of thoughtfulness, knowledge, respect, ethics, and compassion.

Our vision for the future is clear: a full-service, self-contained community with its own unique identity.

I have had the honor over the last year to serve as the President of the Maryland Municipal League (MML), advocating on behalf of local governments across the state. I am proud to see how our efforts have inspired others to see the possibilities of what a united local community can achieve. It is through our collective dedication, with County and State partners, that we continue to expand opportunities, foster vibrancy, build resilience, and ensure the



Volunteers Needed!



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](#)

sustainability of our community. This unwavering commitment

proves that government can indeed be a force for good, one that not only talks about change but actively works to achieve it.

As we move forward, our actions will shape the future for generations to come. By embracing compassion and fostering strong relationships, we can build a movement that is not just fleeting but a lasting legacy. Our work at the local level is a beacon of hope, illuminating the path towards a more just, equitable, and vibrant future. Together, we stand strong, united by a shared vision and driven by the belief that we, as a community, can overcome any challenge. Let us continue to engage with all communities, celebrate our diversity, and work tirelessly to expand opportunities for all. In doing so, we will ensure that our local efforts not only make a difference today but leave a lasting impact for years to come. That is how we will keep Moving Frederick Forward.
www.oconnorforfrederick.com

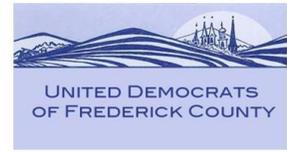
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Join UDFC for fun, fellowship, and a few speeches at our Annual Picnic

Sunday, July 20, 2025

2 PM—5 PM

Middletown Park

7628 Coblentz Road, Middletown Pavilion 2

UDFC will provide fried chicken, cupcakes, paper goods, and drinks (water, sodas, & adult beverages)
Please bring a dish of your choice to share.

Paid members attend for FREE!

Non-members can attend by joining UDFC

Dues—\$30 individual or \$50 family

Dues can be paid by cash or check during check-in at the picnic or you may mail a check in advance to UDFC, PO Box 3882, Frederick, MD 21705.
(Your membership will be active to the end of this year.)



Picnic will be held

or



Hope you can and will join us!

Questions? Contact UDFC at UnitedDemsFrederick@gmail.com, or President Maureen Grayzeck at 443-414-7303.



Join **CLUBBLUE!** Our sustainers are activists and everyday people who contribute a monthly monetary donation to help the Party sustain its competitiveness in current and future local and statewide elections. Click [here](#) for more details. Donate as little as \$5 a month and let the Frederick County Democrats do all the work!

Taste of Emerge MD

One Day Candidate Training

Saturday, June 28th

10:00 AM ET

IBEW Local 24

RSVP: bit.ly/tasteofmdfrederick

Learn how you can prepare to run for office and make a difference in YOUR community. A Pre-training for our Signature program.

contact@emergemaryland.org





Jessica Douglass, Candidate, Frederick County Board of Education

I am running for the Frederick County Board of Education because I believe in the power of public schools to provide universal access to education and to promote social equality. These objectives can only be met when schools are safe, class sizes are small, and teachers are prepared to meet the needs of our diverse and ever-growing student body.

I have worked in public schools for my entire career. I live in Mt. Airy and my four sons attend FCPS schools. I am a special education teacher at the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents, where we serve only students with emotional and behavioral disabilities.

I have served in leadership positions with Frederick Moms Demand Action since 2019 and have been actively engaging with the community to promote gun violence prevention. I am deeply concerned about school safety, but equally committed to universal access to quality public education and the social equality that it promotes.

In our current chaotic political climate, I feel compelled to step into the arena. When the Federal Government is eradicating the Department of Education and the State of Maryland has to fund what used to be federal programs, our County Government will face tough decisions about the budget and which commitments we will uphold. I am here to ensure that our schools and our students remain a

priority and that we move forward clear-eyed and stalwart in our purpose to protect them.

For more information and to donate, visit electjessdouglass.com



SPECIAL GUEST: SENATOR GUY GUZZONE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE BUDGET & TAX COMMITTEE

Co-Hosts: Yvonne Reinsch & Carrie Delente

www.lewisyoungforsenate.com

RSVP by June 11th, 2025 with email address to 301.639.2155 or karenlewisyoung@gmail.com

___ Yes, I/we would like to attend at the following contribution level:

___ **\$2500** Champion

___ **\$1000** Supporter

___ **\$500** Advocate

___ **\$250** Friend

___ **\$100** Guest

Sorry I can't attend but I would like to make a contribution of \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Donate Online

Make checks payable to: Friends of Karen Lewis Young
P.O. Box 3662, Frederick MD 21705 or donate at www.lewisyoungforsenate.com

By Authority: Friends of Karen Lewis Young
Kathy Rossen, Treasurer,
P.O. Box 3662, Frederick, MD 21705

SUMMER SOLSTICE GARDEN PARTY

RSVP by June 11th with email address to 301-639-2155 or karenlewisyoung@gmail.com

Want to serve in a supportive campaign role as a manager or treasurer but unsure where to start? Join us for our FREE

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Campaign Manager & Treasurer Info Session

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

6:30 PM-7:45 PM

Virtual: Zoom

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This event is for registered Democrats only.

To RSVP, scan the QR code or visit frederickdemocrats.org.

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 Tuesday, June 17. We will do our best to secure services, but cannot guarantee it.



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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!
Shelly Beard-Francois,
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OR
 Central Committee -
info@frederickdemocrats.org

Tickets are needed to reserve a space and available for a donation at bit.ly/BBOOKBINGO

ANNUAL DINNER

We have a limited number of tickets available. Tickets are \$95 pp | \$85 for Club Blue members | \$65 for Young Professionals (ages 18-40).

You still have until this Tuesday evening to get your name added as a patron in our program book for a donation of \$35.

You may pay for your tickets or patron donate [online](#) or mail a check to the address on the invitation. If you pay by check, you will need to email mari@frederickdemocrats.org to let her know so she can reserve your seat or ensure your name gets added in the program book.

If you prefer a vegetarian option or have a special dietary restriction, please let us know [here](#) by Tuesday, June 3. Otherwise, we cannot ensure the venue can accommodate your special request.

THE FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Annual Dinner



MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025
6 PM SOCIAL HOUR | 7:15 PM DINNER | 8 PM PROGRAM
DUTCH'S DAUGHTER
581 Himes Avenue, Frederick MD

Special Guest
HARRY DUNN
FORMER U.S. CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER

TICKETS: \$95 PP | \$85 PP FOR CLUB BLUE MEMBERS
\$65 PP FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (AGES 18-40)
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: SEE FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG

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FCDCC | PO BOX 793 | FREDERICK, MD 21705
PLEASE WRITE "DINNER 2025" ON CHECK'S MEMO LINE
OR PAY ONLINE: FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG

BY AUTHORITY: FCDCC, MCCAMIE PATTERSON, TREASURER

THE FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Annual Dinner



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SOCIAL HOUR | DINNER | PROGRAM & AWARDS
DUTCH'S DAUGHTER
TICKETS - \$95 PP | \$85 FOR CLUB BLUE MEMBERS
\$65 FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (AGES 18-40)

Sponsorship Opportunities

COCKTAIL SPONSOR - \$1500
10 Tickets (Full Table) | Full-Page Ad | Event & Social Media Recognition, Sign Placement in Ballroom During Cocktail Social, & Two-Minute Welcome Remarks

GOLD SPONSOR - \$1000
10 Tickets (Full Table) | Full-Page Ad | Event & Social Media Recognition

SILVER SPONSOR - \$600
5 Tickets (1/2 Table) | Full-Page Ad | Event & Social Media Recognition

BRONZE SPONSOR - \$350
2 Tickets | Full-Page Ad | Event & Social Media Recognition

FULL-PAGE AD - \$150
SIZE: 5 1/2 X 8 1/2
Please email all ads to Deb Reynolds at dndreynolds@verizon.net. Submit by Thursday, May 15.

PATRONS - \$35
Your name will be listed on a patrons' page in the program book.

SPONSORSHIP AND AD PAYMENTS
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Please write "Dinner 2025" on check's memo line. Mail to:
FCDCC | PO Box 793 | Frederick, MD 21705

BY AUTHORITY: FCDCC, MCCAMIE PATTERSON, TREASURER



Bob Kresslein, Member,
Democratic National
Committee

THE FACTS RE: DNC VICE CHAIR ELECTION CHALLENGE

As you may recall, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) elected its offices at its Winter Meeting, held in early February of this year. Among those officers are four (4) Vice Chairs, one to be elected as Vice Chair for Civic Engagement and Voter Participation and three (3) elected at large.

Party rules require equal division between men and women at all levels of the party organization. Reyna Walters-Morgan was elected as Vice Chair for Civic Engagement and Voter Participation, a position elected by separate ballot. Party rules therefor required that one of the remaining slots be filled by a female one by a male and one by either. Arte Blanco, Malcom Kenyatta and David Hogg were declared winners after several ballots.

One of the unsuccessful female candidates, Kayln Free filed an appeal to the Credentials Committee which recently recommended a re-vote as to the election of Malcolm Kenyatta and David Hogg. After the announcement social media and some in the press have mischaracterized the proceeding as an attempt by the DNC to oust David Hogg in retaliation for his activities surrounding an effort to primary certain Democratic incumbents. Let me be clear, no such motive should be attributed to the Credential Committee’s recommendation.

Ms. Free, the aggrieved candidate, filed a timely appeal several weeks after the election, substantially prior to the announcement by Mr. Hogg’s organization. Her appeal was based upon her allegation that the balloting process was flawed. The balloting required the members to vote on one (1) “female only” position and two (2) positions for members of any gender. Because voting for all three (3) positions took place on a single ballot (without differentiation), Ms. Free alleged that female candidates were disadvantaged. The Credential Committee agreed and has recommended a re-vote on the three (3) positions to be selected from those remaining eligible after the original ballots.

DNC members will vote whether to accept the recommendations of the Credentials Committee or let the original election stand

Voting will take place as follows:

Monday, June 9, 10AM ET - Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 5 PM ET
Electronic vote on the Credentials Committee Resolution and Updated Rules of Procedure for the Election of Officers

If the full body accepts the resolution and updated Rules, the DNC will administer ballots for the final two Vice Chair positions, one of which must be held by a male and one of which may be held by a candidate of any gender.

If the full body rejects the Credentials Committee’s resolution, the current seating of the Officers will stand.

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 10 AM ET - Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 5 PM ET
Electronic vote: DNC Vice Chair- Male ballot

Only male candidates for Vice Chair who were eligible for the third Vice Chair ballot on February 1, 2025 will be eligible to appear on the ballot: Vice Chairs Kenyatta and Hogg.

Sunday, June 15, 2025, 10 AM ET - Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 5 PM ET
Electronic vote: DNC Vice Chair- Any gender ballot

Eligible candidates are Kalyn Free, Chair Jeanna Repass, Chair Shasti Conrad, and the male candidate not elected to the male Vice Chair position.

So, while it is possible that Mr. Hogg could face some opposition due to his primarying stance, the re-vote itself has not been designed to accomplish that aim.

Please correct any misinformation being spread with respect to the matter.

HAPPY SUMMER!

June 2025 At-a-Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611, 611 North Frederick Street, Frederick

Community Town Hall -
“Reconnecting with American Values”

Monday, June 2 at 6 PM

Brunswick Branch Library, 915 N. Maple Street, Brunswick

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFC) Monthly Meet-Up

Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Frederick County Democratic Party Annual Dinner

Monday, June 9 at 6 PM

Dutch’s Daughter, Himes Avenue, Frederick

Limited Tickets left:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/fcdp-dinner-2025>

Women’s Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting

Monday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Frederick Co. Democratic HQ, 8 West 5th Street, Frederick

Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC)
Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Frederick Co. Democratic HQ, 8 West 5th Street, Frederick

Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC)
Campaign Manager & Treasurer Information Session

Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 PM

Virtual: Zoom

Registration Required - See FrederickDemocrats.org

Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m.

C. Burr Artz Library, 110 E. Patrick Street, Frederick

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meet-Up

Saturday, June 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Zoom Meeting - To request access, please send email to:

danmelgalloway@verizon.net

using the Subject: "So County Dems 7/28 meeting."

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



City of Frederick voters will vote in 2025 for the Mayor and seven-member City Council.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR THE 2025 CITY OF FREDERICK MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

City candidate filing deadline: Tuesday, July 1

MAYOR

Ron Beattie
Michael O’Connor

CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

Kelly Russell
Derek Shackelford
Libby Taylor

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Katie Nash

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Cesar Diaz

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Peter Brehm
David Schmidt

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

No Democratic candidate has filed yet. Interested in being a candidate in this district? Email us at info@frederickdemocrats.org.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

Sarah Hempel Irani

COUNTY/STATE 2026

Frederick County voters will cast their votes in 2026 for Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, Congressional District 6, Maryland General Assembly, Frederick County Executive, Board of Education, and more.

Candidate filing deadline: Tuesday, February 24

CURRENT FILED CANDIDATES REGISTERED AS DEMOCRATS RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Casey Day
Jessica Douglass
David A. Migdal
Chad King Wilson, Sr.

Click [here](#) to view a current list of all candidates, regardless of affiliation, for all offices on the general election ballot in November 2026, as outlined on the Maryland State Board of Elections' website.

A LOOK BACK AT FREDERICK DEMS IN THE COMMUNITY IN May 2025

Campaign School, 05.03.25



Asbury Community Health Fair, Tuesday, 05.19.25



Plow-Fish, Wednesday, 05.21.25

