



The Banner

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CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

Last Friday, we participated in the inaugural Frederick Pride parade. Kudos to The Frederick Center and all who helped organize it. The joy and energy were palpable. We had a blast! Our truck and wagon were decorated in Democratic and Pride gear, and Central Committee member Miltina Athena was dressed as Miss Liberty, and was a crowd hit! We're already chomping at the bit to participate next year. The following day, a few of our members and volunteers staffed our tent at the Pride Festival on Carroll Creek. We always enjoy engaging with the community at the events we participate in.

This month, we'll be at First Saturday, July 6, at 2 PM; Urbana VFD Carnival, July 14-19; and Asbury Block Party, Saturday, July 19. Please stop by our tent to say hello, and more. We're also looking for volunteers to help us at our table. Learn more and sign up for the event(s) and shift(s) of your choice [here](#). We also need volunteers to help at our information desk at our HQ. You

can learn more about that using the same link.

Last month, we held our annual dinner at Dutch's Daughter with Special Guest Harry Dunn, former U.S. Capitol Police Officer. It was a packed house with just under 200 people in attendance. We are grateful that Harry could join us, and for the support of all attended. Congratulations again to our four honorees: Outstanding Democrat, Deborah Carter; Outstanding Volunteer, Susan Cowles; Rising Star, Alleria Stanley, and Stephen LeRoux Legacy Award recipients Dana & Ed Mooney.

We also held a "Reconnecting with American Values" Community Town Hall in Brunswick last month. We thank everyone who came to share their thoughts and concerns. North Frederick County, you're next! Join us on Sunday, July 27, at 1:15 PM, at the Thurmont Regional Library, 76 E. Moser Road. As always, this event is a community dialogue, not a debate, and will be moderated by non-Central Committee members Tony Soltero and Teresa Schwab. Space is limited. RSVP [here](#). We apologize if we can't accommodate everyone. We plan to continue to host other town halls as soon as possible.

We'll host the second Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club (Plow-Fish) event tomorrow evening (Wednesday, July 2) with special guest Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth. We're pretty much at capacity, but we can squeeze in a few more. If interested, click [here](#) for ticket information.

Save the date reminder - please save the date of Monday, August 11, for a special fundraiser with David Hogg at 6 PM. David is the Co-Founder of March for Our Lives and Leaders We Deserve. More details available soon.

Today was the deadline to file as a candidate in the City of Frederick municipal elections. Voters will cast ballots for Mayor and seven-member City Council in the Primary on Tuesday, September 9, and the 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 all filed candidates.

Our local HQ is a collection site for a cleaning and laundry supplies 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 July 15, 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.





Tom Slater, Frederick County Democratic Party Historian

The Rest of the Story: Uncle Charlie, Justice Douglas, and the C&O Canal

This past May, the Trump administration proposed a \$1 billion cut to the National Park Service's budget, which would result in essentially wiping out budgets and staffing for at least 350 out of 430 national park units, according to the National Parks Conservation Association. A much less costly, but with just as catastrophic results for a local, well-known part of the National Park Service near and dear to Frederick County, was proposed in 1954. The Interior Department, at that time, owned the right-of-way to a 189-mile-long and, on average, 230-foot-wide strip of land that followed the abandoned bed of the old Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, which was, at that time, partly dry and partly filled with water. The original canal was a business venture started in 1828 at a cost of approximately \$27 million. The canal was never profitable and was abandoned in the early 20th century. The Interior Department, looking to offload the property, in 1954 proposed that a motor parkway be built along the canal's path from Georgetown to Cumberland. An editorial in the Washington Post in January 1954 favored the idea of the parkway.

Justice William O. Douglas served on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1939 to 1975. At age 40 with no judicial

experience, he was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to replace Justice Louis D. Brandeis after Douglas had served as the third chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. He was a controversial justice known for his presidential ambitions, liberalism, support for the environment, and controversial personal life (he was married four times, often to women much younger than him). He survived two attempts to impeach him. A clerk to one of his fellow justices described him as "bored, distracted, collegial, irresponsible," and a fellow justice called him "rude, ice-cold, hot-tempered, ungrateful, foul-mouthed, and self-absorbed." One thing Douglas loved to do was hike, sometimes along the bed of the old C&O Canal. Upon reading the editorial in the Washington Post, Douglas wrote a letter-to-the-editor challenging the writer of the editorial to support the building of the highway and his boss to walk the entire length of the canal with Douglas. Writing "We Accept," the editorialist of the Post accepted Douglas's challenge, hence the famous Douglas hike along the length of the C&O Canal in March of 1954 with approximately two dozen hikers.

My paternal grandmother's brother (my great uncle), Charles P. Thomas, was said to be a lifelong bachelor, apparently briefly married and divorced shortly thereafter. He died in 1964 at the age of 90. I had frequent contact with him in the 1950s and early 1960s when my grandparents, who lived in Rockville, would take care of me in the summertime when both my parents worked. Everyone, including me, called him "Uncle Charlie." Uncle Charlie and his other sister, "Aunt Hat" would have lunch every Wednesday with my grandmother and grandfather. Uncle Charlie retired from the U.S. Post Office. In 1928, he was one of the founding members of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) and was its first Honorary Life Member. He was known as an excellent carpenter and enthusiastic outdoorsman. He helped

maintain a section of the Appalachian Trail. He was known, one year, to have been out on the trail 51 out of 52 weekends of the year, a PATC record. An early history of the PATC described Uncle Charlie: "In camp, Charlie usually helped the cooks prepare meals, and he always made the coffee...He was noted, not favorably, for getting up early, sometimes at 5 A.M. and making noise, rattling utensils, chopping wood, while getting ready to start this chore... Charlie had an excellent memory and was very knowledgeable concerning the club's history... Charlie was a master woodsman. He knew the Appalachian Trail and other mountain trails in Maryland and Virginia like city dwellers know their back yards and nearby streets...He was known for practically laying out the Skyline Drive instructing the engineers as to the contours best suited and otherwise giving them his advice. Charlie did know the territory very well and he never hesitated to give forth with advice and knowledge, if asked, and occasionally, if not asked...His portrait hung in the PATC Council Meeting Room."

When Justice Douglas organized his hike along the C&O Canal, Uncle Charlie, then 80 years old, and a fellow PATC member, served as the cooks. The hikers covered the 189 miles in eight days, with Uncle Charlie and his fellow cook often being driven by a truck they called the "Red Beauty" from one campsite to the other so that they could set up the arrangements for the meals. After the hike was completed, with much publicity generated, plans for making the C&O Canal into a roadway were abandoned by the Department of the Interior in May 1954.

I had the opportunity to meet Justice Douglas when I was a student at Frostburg State College, when he was there as a guest speaker my senior year, in November 1965. I regret that I did not ask him about his memories of my Uncle Charlie. At that time I did not

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realize how instrumental my great uncle had been as a founding member of the PATC and a participant in the Douglas hike, but I did have fond memories of the cabin he built himself near Annapolis, and did remember him as someone who had an opinion about everything and was not shy about sharing his opinions. William O. Douglas died in 1980 at age 91.



Justice Douglas is on the left, and Uncle Charlie is at the top.

Two long-time Democratic supporters recently passed. Margaret "Maggi" Kline was active in many civic activities in Frederick, for a long time owned the Barbara Fritchie House, hosted events for Democratic candidates (most notably Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend), and received the Democrat Award from the Democratic State Central Committee for her service to the party in 2005. She was married for 70 years to Richard Kline, who was also involved for many years in Democratic politics in Frederick County and the State of Maryland. He also received the Democrat Award from the central committee, in 1999. Maggi was 92.



Frostburg State College (1965) – Tom Slater is at the left, and Justice Douglas is 2nd from the right

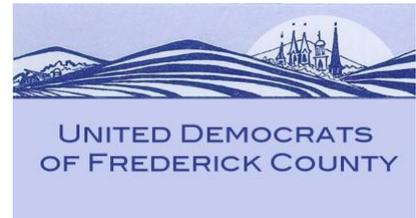
Audrey Demarais has passed at age 83. She was the Democratic leader of the Lewistown district back when the Party had leaders in each precinct and district. She succeeded her father, Marion "Puss" Rice, as district leader. Party leaders sometimes also had colorful nicknames back in the day.



Uncle Charlie is on the far left and Justice Douglas is 4th from the right on the top row.



Uncle Charlie is on the left and Justice Douglas is on the right.



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Hello UDFC Member and Friends,

We had a good turnout for our June 2nd meeting at Cafe 611, despite the fact that the calendar was booked up with competing events. We were joined by a new UDFC member, author and democratic activist Payne Harrison, and his wife, Paula. Payne spoke to us about some ideas about our democracy and touched on the concept of "Swiss Direct Democracy". Payne is a New York Times bestselling author of military and espionage thrillers, the most recent being "The Interview", which deals with Iran and its nuclear capabilities...very timely!!

UDFC will NOT be meeting on Monday, July 7th at Café 611- but we will gather for our annual picnic at Middletown Park on Sunday, July 20 from 2-5 at Pavilion # 2. Please see the flyer here in the Banner for details about the event. We'll have speakers, including some primary candidates running in the City of Frederick election, as well as lots of good food to share!

Finally, some of you may have missed the terrific event held at Mullinix Park in Frederick on Saturday, June 14: No Kings Day and Flag Day rolled into one! The day was organized by many groups including Indivisible, Mobilize, and locally by the FCDCC, and Mari Lee. Enjoy the photos attached here in the Banner as well as the UDFC Picnic flyer!

- Maureen Grayceck
President, UDFC





WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY

The **Women's Democratic League of Frederick County (WDL)** is turning a new page as we move into our second century of service. Our mission, which has been unwavering for the past 100 years, continues to focus on educating and engaging Democratic women in the political process while advocating for **equity** under the law for all people, **and now, we need YOUR voice.**

The WDL will hold our next monthly meeting on Monday, July 21st at 7:00 pm. This special meeting will serve as a pivotal moment for the WDL, as we come together to discuss how we can restructure and revitalize the WDL for the future. We want to hear your ideas and engage in open discussions about social and legislative issues that impact women's rights and equality. From advocating for policy change to empowering women to run for office, this is your chance to help shape the next 100 years of the WDL!

Whether you're a lifelong advocate or someone new to political involvement, your perspective is invaluable. Together, we will ensure that the WDL remains a **vibrant, inclusive space** for women to **connect, strategize, and take action.**

We can't wait to see you there!

-Shelly Beard-Francois,
President, WDL



SOUTH FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS

The next meeting of **South County Dems** will be **July 26** (the 4th Saturday rather than the 3rd) from 9:30 – 11:00 am via Zoom. Our guest speaker will be **Libby Schneider, Deputy Executive Director of the Democratic National Committee.** **Libby Schneider** most recently served as the Chief of Staff of the DNC and has been at the DNC since 2019. Schneider's previous roles at the DNC include Senior Advisor and National Rural Political Director, and she led efforts to support 2023 races including the successful Virginia legislative races and Kentucky gubernatorial election. Prior to joining the committee, Schneider served in the Senate as a Special Advisor to Senator Kent Conrad and in the office of Senator Heidi Heitkamp and later as her Senate campaign manager.

Ms. Schneider will share what initiatives the DNC is undertaking to bolster Democrats and the Democratic brand and provide perspectives on the 2025 races and DNC thoughts on top races for 2026. Time is planned for her to answer questions.

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 the day before the meeting. Feel free to invite like-minded friends who are not currently getting South County Dems' emails but please ask them when RSVPing to note who informed them of the event.

Thanks much to Council Member Jerry Donald for joining us at our June 28 meeting. He filled us in on county priorities and items of key voter interest as well as answered participant questions. Thanks to Council Member Donald for a superb talk!

Hope to see many of you at our July 26 meeting via Zoom for an enlightening and uplifting presentation by Libby Schneider of the DNC.

Melanie Galloway,
President, SFCD



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](#)



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>



DELEGATE KEN KERR
District 3

So, what a Legislative Session look like?

As most of you know, the Maryland General Assembly meets in a 90-day session beginning the second Wednesday in January, and continues through the second Monday in April, culminating in a marathon session adjourning Sine Die at midnight. This year, we considered over 2300 bills, with 878 bills successfully passing both houses and making their way to the governor.

Because your District 3 Delegates and Senator live farther than 50 miles from the State House, we qualify to stay in Annapolis for the 90-day session. With 12+hour days, commuting back-and-forth each day would be impractical (to say the least). We do get to come home most weekends, though.

Early in the session, we spend very little time on the House and Senate floors. Most of the day is spent in Committee—some days 3 hours, some days 6, some days 10. As the 90-day session nears the end, that is reversed, and we are on the chamber floor longer each day and spend less and less time in Committee.

This past session, I sponsored 15 bills, with 9 of them making it through both chambers and to the Governor, who signed 8 of them and vetoed one (Hospital Cybersecurity). Aside from working my 15 bills, I chair the Government Operations and Health Facilities Subcommittee of the Health and Government Operations Committee (HGO). HGO has 23

members, and Government Ops has 12 members. Government Ops has jurisdiction over any bills in the area of Government Procurement; Minority, Women, and Veteran Owned Businesses; IT, AI Cybersecurity; Official State Designations; Veterans Affairs; 9-1-1; and Hospitals. Once a bill has its hearing in HGO, if it falls into one of those areas, it gets assigned to the 12-member subcommittee where we are able to look into the implications on a much deeper level and have a more free-ranging discussion of potential problems the law may bring. If we can't work it out, I won't move it for a full committee vote.

Government Ops was assigned 95 bills this year that we dealt with in weekly Wednesday work sessions over a 10-week period from January 29 until April 2. Some bills move quickly, some require several work sessions, and some don't move at all. In all 52 of the 95 were given favorable recommendations from Government Ops and went to the full HGO committee and went to the house floor, with a Favorable Report, for a full floor vote before crossing over to the Senate.

So, what happens during the other 275 days? I'll cover that next month!

Handwritten tracking system for Government Ops Bills. The table lists bills with columns for Title, HGO, H, S, and G. Bills include: HB101, HB102, HB103, HB104, HB105, HB106, HB107, HB108, HB109, HB110, HB111, HB112, HB113, HB114, HB115, HB116, HB117, HB118, HB119, HB120, HB121, HB122, HB123, HB124, HB125, HB126, HB127, HB128, HB129, HB130, HB131, HB132, HB133, HB134, HB135, HB136, HB137, HB138, HB139, HB140, HB141, HB142, HB143, HB144, HB145, HB146, HB147, HB148, HB149, HB150, HB151, HB152, HB153, HB154, HB155, HB156, HB157, HB158, HB159, HB160, HB161, HB162, HB163, HB164, HB165, HB166, HB167, HB168, HB169, HB170, HB171, HB172, HB173, HB174, HB175, HB176, HB177, HB178, HB179, HB180, HB181, HB182, HB183, HB184, HB185, HB186, HB187, HB188, HB189, HB190, HB191, HB192, HB193, HB194, HB195, HB196, HB197, HB198, HB199, HB200, HB201, HB202, HB203, HB204, HB205, HB206, HB207, HB208, HB209, HB210, HB211, HB212, HB213, HB214, HB215, HB216, HB217, HB218, HB219, HB220, HB221, HB222, HB223, HB224, HB225, HB226, HB227, HB228, HB229, HB230, HB231, HB232, HB233, HB234, HB235, HB236, HB237, HB238, HB239, HB240, 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“High-Tech Subcommittee Bill Tracking System”



MAYOR MICHAEL O'CONNOR

This month's Independence Day holiday, and everything it represents with the American values of justice, equality, and opportunity, is a good time to reflect on June's No Kings rally at Mullinix Park. I am grateful to the organizers for their efforts and the chance to make remarks. For those who could not attend, here they are:

Good morning, before we begin, let us acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral lands of the Piscataway, Susquehannock, and Tuscarora peoples. We recognize their enduring presence and pay respect to their elders past and present. Centuries later this specific park was created for Black residents who weren't allowed in other public spaces.

That's our history—right here beneath our feet. Colonialism, segregation, exclusion, and continuing struggle.

Perhaps today in small ways...a place of reconciliation.

We are here not to erase that history, but to honor it and continue the fight toward justice and freedom. Freedom that has never been free. Justice that ultimately must live in the hearts of all people.

In November 1765, nearly a decade before the Boston Tea Party, 12 Frederick County judges, in one of the first acts of rebellion rejected the Stamp Act. It was a tax from King George, designed to cover the costs of keeping soldiers in the American colonies to keep still British

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subjects in line. This county has marked Repudiation Day ever since.

Sound familiar. Welcome to Repudiation Day 2.0. No Kings!

When we stand together—across race, across class, across differences—we show the world what real strength looks like.

This is what strength looks like.

Not tanks in the street.

Not a birthday parade for a man who thinks power means being feared.

What's happening in Washington today isn't about leadership—it's about insecurity. They are not doing it because they're confident. They're doing it because they're scared. And why are they scared—look around. Look at this energy, the organizing, the momentum, the clarity of purpose.

I am not ready to give up my democracy, are you?
And they're scared because we've stopped whispering.

I am not ready to give up my democracy, are you?

And they're scared because we've stopped waiting.

I am not ready to give up my democracy, are you?

And they should be scared, because we are coming not with violence, but with votes. Not with lies, but with truth.

We are people with power they cannot control and cannot buy no matter how many billions they hoard for themselves and grifters they call friends.

They throw parades to pat themselves on the back for their corruption.

They weaponize the military against our brothers and sisters because they don't know what earning trust really looks like and they don't care.

And they jail senators for asking questions because they've run out of answers.

It's an affront to every person who ever wore the uniform for this country under this flag and all this flag has and should stand for.

It is not law and order. The tyrant is panicking. And we're here to make sure the panic he feels is real.

They've got tanks. We've got people. They've got noise. We've got purpose. They've got a dictator's birthday party. We've got a movement—and we've got each other.

And as long we never give up, we will win. And we will never give up.

Have a relaxing and rejuvenating summer. We will be busy with the campaign and look forward to seeing you at events and on "the trail."

Michael



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Casey Day for Board of Education



JOIN ME

I'm headed out to hear from voters and need your help. This summer, I am visiting a selection of homes to hear from voters in communities around the county. As I do, I need someone to join me and help take notes of what the voters share as their ideas & concerns.

Sign up for a community near you and join me on this listening tour. Each leg of the journey should take about 2 hours and will not be all walking, I promise. Sign up today to ensure you can get the community you want!

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A Good Day For Frederick!
By authority, Friends of Casey Day, Lindsey Beck, treasurer



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!

Sign-up to volunteer to Join Casey's Listening Tour at tinyurl.com/CaseysTour



Kelly Russell has been a dedicated member of the City Council (previously Board of Aldermen) since 2009. She was unanimously elected as President Pro Tem for two consecutive terms.

As a retired police lieutenant and long-time community advocate, she has demonstrated leadership in sustainability, public safety, transportation, equity, and responsible development.

Currently serving her fourth term, Russell continues to be an independent and reasonable voice contributing to the future of Frederick. "I work hard to see all sides of an issue."

Authority Kelly's Supporters, Carol Baker Treasurer

Environmental & Sustainability Leadership

- Founded Frederick's Green Team, which evolved into the city's standing Sustainability Committee
- Championed Frederick's work to earn first Sustainable Maryland Certification
- Sponsored legislation permitting *Low Impact Landscaping* in the city

Equity & Governance

- Sponsored the 2020 resolution declaring *Equity as a Fundamental Value*
- Sponsored inclusive housing policies expanding human rights protections
- Opposed non-citizen municipal voting, citing citizenship concerns

Housing & Smart Growth

- Served 12 years as a member of Frederick's Planning Commission
- Supports responsible growth tied to infrastructure, parks, and schools
- Advocated to simplify regulations to expand affordable housing options

Mobility & Transportation

- Established and grew the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the Active Mobility Advisory Committee
- Sponsored adoption of the *Vision Zero* policy, prioritizing pedestrian safety and crash reduction
- Sponsored adoption of the *Complete Streets* policy to accommodate all modes of travel
- Chaired the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (2020)

Public Safety & Police Reform

- Led the effort to fund and construct a new Police Headquarters (opening 2025)
- Sponsored the *Safety in Parks* ordinance and the law banning *Synthetic Drugs*
- Advocates for women and diversity in police recruitment
- Supported Body Worn Cameras for all FPD officers



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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 Coblenz 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.

Save the Date

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER WITH DAVID HOGG
 Co-Founder, March For Our Lives
 Co-Founder, Leaders We Deserve



MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025
6 - 8 PM

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON



frederickdemocrats.org

By Authority: FCDCC, McCamie Patterson, Treasurer

A Community Town Hall “Reconnecting with American Values”

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

**THURMONT REGIONAL LIBRARY
 COMMUNITY ROOM
 76 E MOSER ROAD, THURMONT**



Free & Open to the Public - Everyone is welcome.

Moderators: Tony Soltero and Teresa Schwab

Come share your ideas, concerns, and visions for America's future!
A (community) civil dialogue, not a debate.

Space is limited. We ask that you register in advance by scanning the QR code or visiting frederickdemocrats.org. We apologize if we can't accommodate all who wish to attend or any walk-ins. We plan to host other town halls ASAP.



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 1 PM on Friday, July 18. We will do our best to secure services, but cannot guarantee it.

The Thurmont Regional Library does not endorse the views of the program sponsors or promoters.

By Authority: Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC), McCamie Patterson, Treasurer

July 2025 At-a-Glance



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

Saturday, July 12 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 Central Committee (FCDCC) Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

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

United Democrats of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Annual Picnic

Sunday, July 20 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Middletown Park, 7628 Coblenz Road. Middletown, Frederick

Women’s Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting

Monday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting

Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Saturday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Zoom Meeting - To request access, please send email to:
danmelgalloway@verizon.net

using the Subject: "So County Dems 7/26 meeting."

Community Town Hall: “Reconnecting with American Values”

Sunday, July 27 at 1:15 PM

Thurmont Regional Library, 76 E. Moser Road, Thurmont



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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

MAYOR

Ron Beattie
Michael O'Connor

CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

Jennifer Dougherty
Donna Kuzemchak
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

S. Scott Lasher
Fredy Ventura Garcia

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

Sarah Hempel Irani
Ryan Trout

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

FILED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES - NON-BOARD OF EDUCATION

COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

Johnny Mercer

FILED CANDIDATES REGISTERED AS DEMOCRATS RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

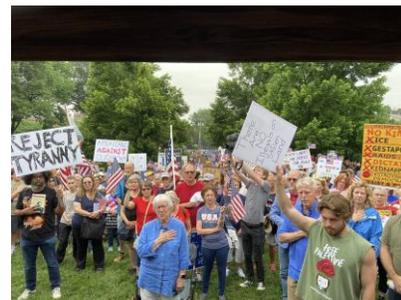
Casey Day
Jessica Douglass
David A. Migdal
Chad King Wilson, Sr.

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 JUNE 2025



Annual Frederick County Democratic Party Dinner, Monday, 06.09.25



No Kings “Reclaim Our Flag” Rally co-hosted by Frederick Dems, Rise Up Frederick, Resist Persist, & Indivisible Frederick Coalition, 06.14.25 – Thank you to the approximate 2500 (or more) who attended!



First Saturday, 06.07.25

Juneteenth Celebration & Community Day, 06.22.25



Most Central Committee members at the State Democratic Party meeting with Gov. Moore, Lt. Gov. Miller, DNC Member Kresslein, and newly-elected MDP Chair Stuart Pittman, 06.21.25



Inaugural Pride Parade, 06.27.25



Frederick Pride, 06.28.25