



The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

President Trump betrayed Western Maryland by denying FEMA assistance for the May 2025 floods in Allegany and Garrett counties. This is not his first betrayal. Trump, his administration, and Republican minions in Congress are working in tandem to move forward the Project 2025 agenda that seeks to change our country at its core. Recently, they passed the "Big Ugly BS Bill" to give tax breaks to the ultra-rich. At the same time, the middle class and vulnerable populations will suffer in Western Maryland and across the state and country. Millions will be denied healthcare, food insecurity will skyrocket, rural hospitals will close, and other devastating effects will take place soon after the mid-term elections in 2026. It's an autocratic oligarch game they're playing at the peril of the American people at large and democracy. Throughout it all, your local Democratic Party has stood firm, fighting for our shared values.

At last year's DNC Convention, former first lady Michelle Obama challenged

Democratic and like-minded voters to "Do Something." While that plea was a direct call-to-action to help presidential candidate former Vice President Kamala Harris, it is still critically important to "do something" now. Consider donating your time as one of our volunteers, your money to help us continue with our year-round operations and more, or attending local Democratic meetings, or all of the above. We appreciate whatever you may be able to do. You can learn about how to volunteer, donate, or get involved, as well as resources and links [here](#).

This month, we are seeking volunteers for a few community events. Tomorrow, we'll be at First Saturday in downtown Frederick; Tuesday the 5th, we'll be at National Night Out, and Saturday, the 23rd, we will be at the Black Frederick Festival. Please stop by our tent to say hello, register to vote, pick up campaign materials, 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 staff our information desk at our HQ at 8 West 5th Street, in downtown Frederick. You can learn more about that using the same link. If writing postcards is more comfortable, we can get you plugged into those activities at our HQ or through local Dems' spearheading efforts.

Additionally, this month, we are hosting a special fundraiser on Monday, August 11 at 6 PM at Frederick Social with David Hogg, Co-Founder of March For Our Lives and Leaders We Deserve. He will be sharing

information on the youth movement in the Democratic Party. We welcome folks of all ages to attend. Tickets are \$40 per person, or you can be a host committee sponsor for \$100 (one ticket & recognition during the event). You can purchase tickets online [here](#).

The following Monday, August 18, the Maryland Democratic Party will kick off their statewide Talk-Back Tour in Frederick. This event is your chance to share what's on your mind, speak directly with party leaders, and help shape the future of the Democratic Party in Maryland. Register [here](#). The location will be announced soon.

Last month, we had a presence at First Saturday, the Urbana VFD Carnival, and the Asbury Block Party. We also held or attended other events, including a town hall we hosted as part of our "Reconnecting with American Values" series in various areas in the county. We'll soon announce our next date and location. We also held a "make-up" Plow-Fish event with special guests Congresswomen Sarah Elfreth and April McClain Delaney. We once again thank Jan and John Gardner for hosting this event at their home. We also co-hosted a "Rally for Our Families' Future" with Rise Up Frederick. Despite the heat, we united against the harmful policies and tax cuts affecting Frederick County families. Whether our rallies have 100 in attendance, a handful, or thousands, we aim to engage our community, and stand alongside, and elevate the voices of "We the People!" We appreciate everyone who was able to join us at one or more of our events in July.

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Last month, we also hosted forums for Democratic candidates for the 2025 Frederick City municipal elections. Both mayoral candidates and all 13 city council candidates attended. It was a packed house. The event was livestreamed on Facebook, which you can watch the video on [Facebook](#), or through [YouTube](#). Frederick City voters will cast ballots for Mayor and seven-member City Council on Tuesday, September 9, and the general election on Tuesday, November 4. Click [here](#) to learn more, including info on the city's new Election districts, where to vote – including ballot dropbox locations, and more.

The Central Committee is seeking a social media consultant. Our initial plan is to contract and schedule three two-hour meetings (a total of six hours) over no more than 45 days with our social media team. Click [here](#) to learn more, including how to apply.

Our local HQ is a collection site for a school supplies drive this month. The 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.

Join us at our next Central Committee meeting on August 19, at 6:30 PM, at our HQ. 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: Driving Through Texas, Extreme Voting Behavior, and Frederick's Growing Diversity

I recently spent two weeks in Texas. I was attending a SABR (Society for American Baseball Research) Convention (my 33rd) in Dallas. I enjoyed hanging out with Dan Galloway (Melody's husband), who was also attending the SABR convention. I decided to rent a car and do some sightseeing while I was in Texas. I am on a quest to visit every U.S. President's birthplace, death site, and burial site. After my trip to Texas, I have seven more to visit (Ford's birthplace in Omaha, Harding's death site in San Francisco, Nixon's birth site in California, Reagan's death site in California, Obama's birth site in Hawaii, Biden's birth site in Pennsylvania, and Trump's birth site in New York). While in Texas, I had the opportunity to visit the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site and the grave of George H.W. Bush. I attempted to find the home in Houston where Bush died, but it was in a gated community, so I just took a picture of the gate. I'm counting that as a visit to a president's death site. I also visited the Bush Family Home State Historic Site in Midland, Texas, the George H.W. Bush Presidential Museum and Library in College Station, Texas, and the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Dallas, Texas. All of the presidential museums

and libraries are impressive and worth a visit, and these two were not disappointing. I still need to see the Nixon and Regan libraries and museums in California.

When driving, I try to check out any historical markers along the way and usually pull aside and look up on Wikipedia information about the city or county that I am in. While driving from Odessa/Midland to Waco, I passed through Sterling County, one-time Comanche territory, and the 9th least populated county in Texas. What popped out at me as I looked at Sterling County's Wikipedia page was the drastic change in voting patterns that have occurred. In 1916, the voters of Sterling County voted 205 for Wilson, 6 for Taft, and 1 for Bullmooser Teddy Roosevelt. Franklin Roosevelt, in 1936, received 384 votes (96.48%) to Alf Landon's 14 votes (3.54%). FDR and Truman never received less than 90% of the vote in this county. This abruptly changed with Eisenhower's candidacy as he received 64% and 60% in his campaigns in 1952 and 1956, but Democrats came back in 1960 (Kennedy 51%) and 1964 (63%). Starting in 1968 through 2000, Republican candidates carried Sterling County with a low of 45% (Nixon in 1968) and a high of 79% (George W. Bush in 2000). Since 2000, Sterling County has voted at least 84% for the Republican candidate, with Trump receiving 92.69% of the vote in 2024 (583 for Trump, 43 for Harris). This certainly is an example of an extreme swing in voting history.

Comparing Frederick County to Sterling County, Frederick County has been much more stable and consistent over the years. While it consistently voted for Republican candidates for president from 1944 to 2016, except for LBJ's overwhelming defeat of Goldwater in 1964 (LBJ received 61% of the vote in Frederick County),

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Republican candidates for president never received more than 69% (and that was Nixon's landslide defeat of McGovern in 1972). Regan also received more than 60% (69% in 1984 and 65% in 1988), as did George W. Bush's second-term victory (60%). In all of the other elections between 1948 and 2016, Republican candidates for president received from 47% (Trump in 2016) to 58% (George W. Bush in 2000).

Sterling County is a county that is much smaller than Frederick County and is less diverse (in 2000, its population was 955, with one African American resident, but it did have 432 Hispanic or Latino residents). Comparisons between Sterling County and Frederick County may not tell us much. I looked at the numbers in McLennan County, Texas, whose main city is Waco. Its estimated population in 2023 was 268,583 compared to Frederick's 293,391. Its voting pattern more closely resembles Sterling County, but not as extreme. From 1932 to 1968, it voted for Democratic presidential candidates. The county even voted for Stevenson over Eisenhower in 1952 and 1956 and Humphrey over Nixon in 1976, but starting in 1980 it has voted for Republican candidates for president in every election (with the exception again of Johnson's overwhelming defeat of Goldwater where McCarren County gave LBJ 72% of the vote), with Bush getting a high of 66% in 2004 followed by Trump's 65% in 2024.

Frederick County's trend is positive for Democrats, while the trend is going in the opposite direction in many of the more rural areas of the country, and as exemplified by Sterling County, the trend is extreme in some areas. This is a problem that the Democratic Party needs to address.

One reason for the positive trend in Frederick County is that the county is increasingly becoming more diverse. The Baltimore Banner reported in June 2025 that in 2024, Frederick County's

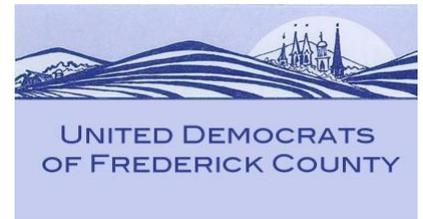
Black population grew in one year by 11.8%, its Hispanic population by 13.7%, and its Asian population by 7.1%.

Sympathies to the family of Jane Abrecht, who passed away at the age of 87 on July 17. Jane was a stalwart Democrat who was active for many years with and served as president of the Frederick County Women's Democratic League. She also served a term on the Democratic State Central Committee (1994-1998), and her husband, Bill (who predeceased her in 2012), served two terms on the Central Committee (1986-1994). In 2000, both of them were recognized by the Frederick County Democratic State Central Committee for their contributions to the Democratic Party.

Jane Abrecht.



Jane & Bill Abrecht



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Hello UDFC Member and Friends,

UDFC held our annual picnic at Middletown Park on Sunday, July 20th, 2025. **We would like to thank each and every person who attended, brought food, good company, laughter, and stories along with them! That goes for Board Members, Club Members, new members, and old friends...Thank you very much!!**

Although it was a hot and humid day, the sky was blue with some puffy white clouds and at times, a pretty good breeze blowing....so in fact, a beautiful day! There were some concerns like trying to put tablecloths on with that wind blowing at 1 PM, but thanks to an energetic team consisting of UDFC Board members Melanie Galloway, Kap Kaplowitz, Karl Bickel, Eileen Beneke, and Dan Galloway, along with some acrobatics and sturdy painters' tape- the tables got covered! Many thanks to each of them for their persistence! Mark Jafari, Amy Argenal, and Delegate Karen Simpson worked at the welcome table greeting guests, as well as Mari Lee! We had the best turnout in the 42-year history of UDFC Picnics: 81 attendees!!! (Tom Slater, our Democratic Party - Frederick County-historian, may have to fact-check that for me!) There was plenty of food, and many candidates came to speak to the crowd, as well as a host of elected officials who spoke to us as well. Some photos from the picnic are here in the Banner...enjoy!!

We will be having our next UDFC meeting on August 4th at Café 611

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starting at 7 PM. The address is 611 North Market St. in downtown Frederick. The doors open at 6 PM to order beverages and food (at the patron's expense), with the program at 7 PM. Caroline Milam has arranged our speaker for August, and he is Gary Bennett, a Board member with the nonprofit "Advocates for Homeless Families, Inc". He will talk about the support his group has offered to many, and how they deliver their services here in Frederick County. He may bring with him one of the individuals they have helped, who will offer personal testimony! Caroline may be adding a second speaker, who is not confirmed yet.

Hope you can join us at the August 4th meeting at Café 611!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

- Maureen Grayzeck
President, UDFC



WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Thanks to everyone who attended our July 21st meeting—we had a powerful discussion about revitalizing and restructuring the WDL for the future. Fresh changes are on the horizon, and you'll be hearing more about our rejuvenation efforts in the coming months.

Mark Your Calendars: Monday, August 18. Instead of our regular monthly gathering, we encourage you to attend the Maryland Democratic Party's **Talk-Back Tour Kick-Off** right here in Frederick County. This is your opportunity to share your ideas, connect with party leaders, and help shape the future of the Democratic Party in Maryland. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Wednesday, September 17, is **WDL Day at the Great Frederick Fair**. WDL Day is a day where our WDL members volunteer to staff the booth at the Fair. I hope that you will be able to take a two-hour shift that day. This is a great way to get out and engage with the public. No need to worry, each shift will have a senior team lead with lots of experience to assist you. More information to follow.

I hope you will be able to join us for one of these events.

- Shelly Beard-Francois, President, WDL



SOUTH FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS

If you've been horrified at the national news of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids and cruel deportations, please join South County Dems on Saturday, August 16, from 9:30-11:00 at Bar-T Mountainside for a program on **"Immigrant Justice – Beyond Welcoming the Stranger."** American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) guest speaker Sebastian Brown will provide an update on the ACLU's work in Frederick to uphold the human rights of our immigrant neighbors. Seb is a leader with the RISE Coalition in Frederick [Resources for Immigrant Support and Empowerment], which advocates for better services for our immigrant community.

We switch our meeting formats between in-person and Zoom for variety and to engage as many people as possible. We look forward this month to gathering together. To get to our meeting location at Bar-T Mountainside at 2914 Roderick Road, Frederick, follow the entrance road as it curves to the left. We meet in the larger white building located past the small white building (camp office) on your right. It is across from the parking lot with a side entrance under the porch overhang on the right side of the building.

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While not necessary, if you could RSVP to danmelgalloway@verizon.net with your plans to attend so we know how many to set up for, we would appreciate it. If someone wants to volunteer to bring light refreshments, please let us know. and thank you.

Please feel free to invite your like-minded friends to join us. If you have questions, please contact the South County Dems President, Melanie Galloway, at danmelgalloway@verizon.net or the Vice President, Annette Breiling, at Annette.breiling@gmail.com.

We had a terrific program in July. Thanks to Libby Schneider, Deputy Executive Director of the Democratic National Committee, who was our guest speaker. She shared details of Democratic strategies for bolstering Democrats nationwide as well as for improving the Democratic brand and left us feeling optimistic regarding our party's future. She talked about organizational building blocks required to win elections cycle-to-cycle, authentically connecting with voters, reconnecting with (and winning back) lost constituencies, supporting Democrats up and down the ballot from school board to national campaigns, and contesting the GOP in all venues. In her response to member questions, Ms. Schneider highlighted DNC initiatives to improve social media outreach, candidate training, volunteer instruction, and encouraging young Democrats to participate in local and national party leadership roles.

Postcarding to Help Save Our Country

This November, PA voters will vote on whether to retain 3 PA State Supreme Court justices—all Democrats. Estimates are that Republicans plan to pour millions of dollars to oust them with plans to then flip the Court majority. Few voters know about the importance of these races, and we need to turn out voters to retain these justices. If you want to inform

Democratic voters in PA via postcards, please contact Melanie Galloway at danmelgalloway@verizon.net.

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.

Melanie Galloway,
President, SFCD



**STATE SENATOR
KAREN LEWIS YOUNG**

Fundraiser Protocol

With the city election this year and county, state, and congressional elections next year; we will all be invited to numerous fundraisers. Having recently held a birthday fundraiser, I am reminded that there should be some generally accepted principles for attendance. I would like to recommend a few:

- Do not expect to be comped unless you have made that arrangement with the candidate. Fundraisers are for raising money not entertaining other candidates and their guests. The candidate must pay for you, so it is a simple courtesy to donate something or request to be “comped” in advance.

- RSVP a week before the event. Most caterers must order the food in advance. If the candidate does not have an accurate number, they either order more food than they need or risk running out. If the “crashers” are early arrivers, this could jeopardize availability for the “good paying donors.”

- If you really want to attend but are short on cash, speak with the candidate. Attendance is important so most candidates would like to at least cover costs.

- If you are a candidate, do not expect a donation from someone's event that you have attended without donating.

- If there is a “special guest” do not monopolize their time. Everyone wants to say hello. If you have something complex, just let them know that you would like to make an appointment.

In summary, just be considerate. I have been attending fundraisers for about 25 years, and I have never just “walked in” unless the candidate invited me “as their guest” (a phrase that means you are being comped). Your behavior reflects your judgement!





MAYOR MICHAEL O'CONNOR

When I was first elected, I committed to lead with integrity, equity, and a clear vision that, working together, we would move Frederick forward. Since then, we've honored our city's history while embracing progress and inclusivity. Together, we've faced extraordinary challenges – including a global pandemic – and come out stronger. This is some of what I am proud of that we have accomplished by working together.

- Constructed **Frederick's new Police Headquarters**, supporting modern public safety operations and helping keep crime rates at historic lows.
- Secured \$64.5 million in partnership with the Moore-Miller Administration, funding **Route 15** safety upgrades, **Harry Grove Stadium** improvements, and the **Downtown Hotel and Conference Center**.
- Initiated design of a \$10 million **Westside Community Center**, alongside new Little League and multi-purpose fields to position Westside Regional Park as a national-caliber recreation destination.
- Expanded our shared-use path network, improving walkability and bike access across Frederick, while adding **new ADA-compliant sidewalks, crossings, and mobility connections** citywide.
- Teamed up with Frederick County to launch development of a **westside Library** and **southside Youth Center**, ensuring young

people and families have access to learning, mentorship, and opportunity close to home.

- Delivered major sustainability investments, including **Frederick's first solar canopy** at the Police HQ, **expanded EV charging** stations in garages and parks, and citywide composting—making Frederick a leader in renewable energy and zero-waste initiatives.
- Advanced **stream restoration** and launched major **stormwater improvements** in North Frederick, boosting climate resiliency and protecting neighborhoods from flooding.
- Expanded our **urban tree canopy** through the Tree Frederick program, planting hundreds of new trees to cool neighborhoods and improve air quality.
- Took decisive action to **protect Frederick from Trump 2.0**, standing firm against harmful national policies targeting women, minorities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and immigrants. Launched an Immigrant Legal Defense Fund, a Mental Health Fund, and a Nonprofit Emergency Support Fund to shield our most vulnerable residents and essential services from federal rollbacks.
- Oversaw and implemented the **modernization of the City Charter**, bringing district-based representation and expanded ballot access.
- Partnered with AARCH to break ground on **Frederick's first African American History Museum**, creating a permanent home for Black history and culture in city-owned space.
- Increased city **support for local nonprofits**, including arts, youth, seniors, and culture organizations, and strengthened partnerships with Celebrate Frederick, Downtown

Frederick Partnership, and Visit Frederick to drive community vitality.

- Welcomed over **400 net new businesses**, supporting economic growth, with targeted outreach and resources for small, minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses.
- Distributed more than **\$15 million to MWBEs through city contracts**, helping over 40 local businesses expand their footprint and create jobs in Frederick.
- Launched **FrederickCorps**, building the workforce of the future with internships, apprenticeships, fellowships, and returnships while advancing reentry opportunities for residents rebuilding their lives.
- Delivered these results with **no property tax rate increases** – and signed off on a tax cut, helping Frederick maintain affordability for residents and businesses alike

Thank you for your support and belief in what's possible when we work together.

www.oconnorforfrederick.com



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](#)



**Sarah Hempel Irani
Candidate Frederick City
Council – District 5**

Hi, I’m Sarah Hempel Irani, and I’m running for Frederick City Council – District 5.

I’ve lived and worked in Frederick for over 20 years, running my own sculpture business and raising my family. I create works of sculpture in clay, bronze, and stone for churches, museums, city parks, and private collections—including the *Claire McCardell* statue on Carroll Creek. I also teach at Frederick Community College, which sits right here in District 5, where I’m proud to be both a neighbor and a candidate.

I live across the street from my church—Good Shepherd—where I got married 20 years ago, and it remains a central part of my life. I often walk, bike, or take the bus around town. The most important parts of my life are nearby: my studio on West 5th Street, FCC on Opossumtown Pike, and my daughter’s school within walking distance. This way of living keeps me connected to neighbors on their porches and residents (some without homes) at the bus stop.

I bring a fresh, community-driven perspective to this campaign—shaped by lived experience. I’m a mom, artist, small business owner, educator, and neighbor answering the call to serve.

I’m running to put my creative problem-solving and collaborative spirit to work for a Frederick where everyone can live, move, and create. Working together, we can create housing opportunities for every stage of life and income, design streets that invite walking, rolling, and riding, and create vibrant and accessible public spaces.

Learn more: sarahforfrederick.com

Facebook/Instagram:

@SarahForFrederick



**Fredy Ventura Garcia -
Candidate Frederick City
Council – District 4**

For nearly a decade, District 4 has been my home, and I’ve fallen in love with Frederick’s unique charm. As Maryland’s second-largest city, our population is steadily growing, and I believe our leaders should reflect the diverse faces of our community. I want to offer a new perspective and be a strong voice for those who haven’t felt

seen or heard. Especially in this current political climate.

My journey to Frederick began in my senior year of high school when I met my now-husband. Eighteen years later, his Maryland roots brought us here. After graduating, I embraced the role of homemaker, supporting his career and caring for our dogs. I also found a passion for seasonal work, spending eleven years at a local farm, which increased my interest in preserving the environment.

We started our path to homeownership with a fixer-upper condo. After years of DIY projects, we eventually sold it to buy our home in District 4’s East Church neighborhood, where I’ve served on the condo board ever since.

Moving to Frederick came with personal anxieties. As a gay immigrant of color, I was concerned about visibility and harassment. But Frederick proved me wrong, showing itself to be incredibly friendly, diverse, and open-minded. This sense of community solidified my decision to run for office. My diverse background and unique perspective allow me to represent people who share similar experiences, and I believe that by working together, we can build a brighter future for Frederick.



SPECIAL FUNDRAISER WITH DAVID HOGG

Co-Founder, March For Our Lives
Co-Founder, Leaders We Deserve

“YOUTH MOVEMENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY”



MONDAY, AUGUST 11 @ 6 PM
FREDERICK SOCIAL
50 CITIZEN'S WAY, FREDERICK

TICKETS: \$40 PP
(FREE FOR ANYONE UNDER 18 - MUST CLAIM A FREE TICKET TO ATTEND)
HOST COMMITTEE SPONSORSHIP: \$100 (1 TICKET)
Sponsors will be recognized during the event
Cash Bar | Refreshments available while supplies last

TICKETS: PAY ONLINE: FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG,
OR BY CHECK PAYABLE TO FCDCC. MAIL TO: PO BOX 793,
FREDERICK, MD 21705. PLEASE WRITE "HOGG EVENT 2025"
ON CHECK'S MEMO LINE



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 Thursday, July 31. We will do our best to secure services, but cannot guarantee it.



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SPECIAL FUNDRAISER WITH
DAVID HOGG

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Hope you enjoyed reading!

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on our website to keep up with
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events, and more!

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/events/calendar

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
I NEED YOUR HELP!



Join **Team Casey** to volunteer in ways big or small. Whether you can lend a hand at events, write a few postcards, or help bring a parade float to life, your time and energy will make a real impact.

Be part of a people-powered campaign working to make a real impact in Frederick schools. Help make it **A Good Day For Frederick!**

By Authority Friends of Casey Day, Lindsey Beck, treasurer

Visit the link to see the current volunteer opportunities!
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Casey Day
Board of Education



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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 10/16

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Delegate Karen Simpson Kickoff

August 10, 2025 | Sunday 3PM
Upon RSVP, Frederick, MD 21703
RSVP bit.ly/Simpson26

Tickets

Planter \$100 | Sower \$250 | Rain \$500
Pollinator \$1000 | Gardner \$2000

Special Guest:
Delegate Ken Kerr, Chair
HGO Subcommittee
Government Operations and Health Facilities



Friends of Karen Simpson
Donna Flaharty, Treasurer
PO Box 1358
Frederick, MD 21702



KAREN SIMPSON KICKOFF PARTY

Tickets at bit.ly/Simpson26



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!

August 2025 At-a-Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611, 611 North Frederick Street, Frederick

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

Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m.

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

A Special Fundraiser with David Hogg

Monday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611, 611 North Frederick Street, Frederick

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

Saturday, August 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Road, Frederick

Maryland Democratic Party Talk-Back Tour Kickoff

Monday, August 18 at TBD

Location TBD, Frederick

**Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC)
Monthly Meeting**

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

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

Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting

Thursday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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Frederick County Democrats

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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

CURRENT FILED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR

Ralph Jaffe, Donald Palmore

MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL

Anthony Brown

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

George Gluck

HOUSE OF DELEGATES - DISTRICT 3

Kris Fair
Ken Kerr
Karen Simpson

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 3

Josh Bokee

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 5

Johnny Mercer

CURRENT FILED CANDIDATES REGISTERED AS DEMOCRATS 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 JULY 2025

Plow-Fish, Wednesday, 07.30.25



Rally for Families' Future, Saturday, July 26



Asbury Block Party, July 19



Urbana Carnival, July 14 - 19

First Saturday, July 5