



# The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

By Authority: FCDCC, McCamie Patterson, Treasurer

September 2025

## CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter," – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In earlier articles as Chair, I've talked about the Republican regime forming at the White House. I bring this up often because I and our local Central Committee refuse to stay quiet while our values, rights, and democracy are assaulted.

The president is acting more like a king, taking control of Washington, DC, and threatening to take over other cities led by Democrats by blaming them for high crime, even though he is a convicted criminal himself! In reality, the cities with the most crime are run by Republicans. He is also trying to control the Kennedy Center, putting up banners with his face on government buildings, and telling Republican governors to secure him 100 seats so he can try to cheat in the 2026 and possibly 2028 elections. These actions come on top of harmful cuts to

programs, research, and jobs since this administration began.

Since the inauguration, we have had an outpouring of local Democrats come to our sign waves and rallies, standing together in hope even when some feel hopeless. As we move forward, we will continue to host resistance events and announce them as planned.

One of the most essential ways to act is to vote. The primary election for Frederick City Democratic voters is in full swing. If you haven't voted yet, you can choose **one** of these three ways that best suits you:

1) Vote by Mail – Mail-in ballots must be **postmarked** by election day (September 9) and **received** by the following Friday (September 12).

2) Ballot Drop Box – Place your completed ballot in one of the City's six approved [drop boxes](#) by 8 PM on September 9. Make sure it's in the envelope properly!

3) Vote in Person on Primary Day (September 9) at Trinity Recreation Center, 6040 New Design Road, Frederick, from 7 AM to 8 PM.

If you're still undecided about who to vote for, you can watch the [forums](#) we held in July.

And in 2026, Frederick **County** voters will vote for: Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, Congressman for District 6, Maryland General Assembly (Senate and House of Delegates), Frederick County Executive, Frederick County Council, Board of Education, and more. I'll talk

about this more as we move further ahead.

Before I go on, I want to wish everyone a Happy Labor Day. We celebrate America's workers and acknowledge and thank the unions for all it has done (and continue to do) to improve wages, worker rights, and conditions.

Last month, we had a packed house for a special event with David Hogg, Co-Founder of both March for Our Lives and Leaders We Deserve. David was direct and inspiring as he shared his perspective on the youth movement in the Democratic Party. We were thankful to have several young people in the crowd. The following week, the Maryland Democratic Party (MDP) officially kicked off its statewide Talk-Back Tour in Frederick with special guest DNC Chair Ken Martin. Ken and MDP Chair Steuart Pittman heard from some attendees and shared their thoughts on the questions asked. We appreciate having all three speakers in Frederick.

In August, we also co-hosted a rally with Indivisible Frederick Coalition and Rise Up Frederick to support Texas Democrats and voting rights. We heard remarks from District 3 Senator Karen Lewis Young, District 3 Delegates Kris Fair, Ken Kerr, & Karen Simpson, and Frederick City Council Member Donna Kuzemchak. Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater and Frederick City Mayor Michael O'Connor were away at a conference but sent written remarks. We thank our speakers and everyone who attended one or more of the August

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events. We also had a presence and engaged with many individuals at First Saturday, National Night Out, Black Frederick Festival, and the Mountain City Elks Lodge #381 Parade. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that we appreciate the Democratic leaders in Maryland and other states who've been speaking out and sounding the alarms on the Republican chaos and overreach, while also working to help constituents and deliver resources for communities.

September is another busy month. We will have our tent at a few community events and seek volunteers to help us. This Saturday, September 6, we'll be at First Saturday in downtown Frederick; on Saturday, the 13th, we'll be at In The Streets, in downtown Frederick, and the Great Frederick Fair from Friday, September 12 – Saturday, September 20. Volunteers who sign up for the fair will receive free admission and parking. Learn more about these events 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. You can learn more about that using the same link.

We are looking to fill an open associate member position on the Central Committee. Associate Members are volunteers who support the Central Committee's activities and efforts. They may serve on any standing committee and have voting rights on issues related to Central Committee administration and activities. However, they are not permitted to vote on matters concerning filling vacancies. Associate Members must be registered to vote as Democrats in Frederick County. You can learn more about Associate Members in Article III, Section 2 of the Central Committee's Bylaws [here](#). If you are interested in becoming an Associate Member of the Democratic Central Committee, please submit a letter of interest including your name, address, email, phone number, and a résumé. Applications should be emailed no later

than Tuesday, September 16, 2025, to [info@frederickdemocrats.org](mailto:info@frederickdemocrats.org). Applicants must also be available for a brief virtual interview during our Special Public Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, September 23, 2025. The sole purpose of the Special Meeting is for the Central Committee members to conduct interviews and vote. The Committee Chair will email each applicant soon after the deadline with the interview time and other details.

The Central Committee will not have a regular monthly meeting in September as we'll be volunteering at our tent at the Great Frederick Fair. Join us at our next Central Committee regular meeting on October 21, at 6:30 PM, at our HQ, 8 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Frederick. Come share your thoughts and/or listen in as we discuss our business and activities.

Our local HQ is a collection site for a diaper 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.

Ready to "Do Something"? Or have you been impacted by federal program cuts? You can learn about various ways to get involved, as well as access resources and links [here](#).



Tom Slater, Frederick County Democratic Party Historian

**The Rest of the Story - Social Security's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a Forgotten Maryland 6<sup>th</sup> District Congressman/In Case You Missed It/More Passages**

A bit more than 90 years ago, on August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act. An iconic picture of FDR signing the act includes, just to his left, a largely forgotten Maryland politician, Congressman David J. Lewis, who represented Maryland's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional district. Social Security has made life better for millions of Americans and is the primary source of income for people over 65. According to the Social Security Administration's official history of the act, as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Lewis, considered an expert on social insurance legislation, introduced the Social Security Act on January 17, 1935. The chairman of the committee, Robert Doughton, from North Carolina, exercising his power, copied Lewis's bill and submitted it as his own. Not happy with Doughton pulling rank on him, Congressman Lewis made it a point to understand every sentence and master the arguments in favor of the bill. After all, he had been the prime sponsor of previous legislation that created federal unemployment insurance and the parcel post system. The Social Security bill became known as the

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Wagner-Doughton bill, but when Lewis walked down the aisle of the House to debate on the bill's behalf, he received a standing ovation. According to the Cumberland Times-News (8/11/12), many of his colleagues considered him one of the greatest minds of his time.

David J. Lewis was born in Pennsylvania, worked in the coal mines from age 9 to 23, and had no formal higher education. He studied law, moved to Cumberland, and was admitted to the bar in 1892. A strong advocate for organized labor, Lewis also supported requiring the government to provide assistance to those in need. He was elected to the Maryland Senate in 1902, and after an unsuccessful effort to be elected to Congress in 1908, he was elected to his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1910. He eventually served seven non-consecutive terms in Congress (1911-1917, 1931-39). He did not run for re-election in 1916, but instead ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate. He served on the U.S. Tariff Commission from 1917-1925. He ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate for a second time in 1922. In 1938 he was persuaded by President Roosevelt to challenge Maryland's incumbent U.S. Senator Millard J. Tydings, who was considered by FDR to be insufficiently supportive of the New Deal. Roosevelt actively campaigned for Lewis, but Tydings prevailed with 60% of the vote. In 1939, after the election, FDR appointed Lewis to the National Mediation Board, where he served until 1943. Lewis was called "Little Davey" for his shortness in stature and described as a "little pepper pot of a man with a deep and passionate commitment to social welfare, who sputtered and swore," recalled Thomas Eliot, counsel for the committee that drafted the Social Security bill. He was considered a socialist by some, and he was proud to call himself a progressive. Lewis' immediate successor in the 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district was William Byron, Goodloe Byron's father and Beverly B. Byron's father-in-law. Lewis died in August 12,

1952, almost 17 years to the day after the Social Security Act was signed. There is a plaque commemorating David J. Lewis in downtown Cumberland on Green Street on the "Lewis House" where Lewis lived and had his law office, and his portrait hangs in the Allegany County post office.

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In case you forgot, some months ago in my column, I reported that I would commence a series of columns about the history of the Frederick County Democratic Party since World War II. Regular readers, assuming there are some, will note that those columns have not yet appeared. There is a reason for that. I have so much relevant "stuff" that I have accumulated over the years that I am in the process of processing, therefore, I am not yet ready to start writing. Soon, hopefully, those columns will start.

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Three strong women left us in the last few months: Mary Warshowsky was a powerhouse force in the Frederick League of Women Voters, serving as its president. She was also active in the racial dialogue movement in Frederick, the establishment of the Community Action Agency, and was one of the founding members of the United Democrats of Frederick County. She was searching for justice for all of her 90 years. Barbara Zentner and her husband, Robert "Bud" Zentner, who worked as a team until he died in 2010, were at the forefront of change in Frederick County and were strong supporters of the League of Women Voters, the United Democrats, Friends of Neighborhood Progress, and the Frederick County Human Relations Council. Bud was a charter member of the United Democrats and recognized by the Democratic State Central Committee for his service to the Democratic Party of Frederick County in 2001. Barbara was 101. Carol Martz was active as a docent for local history

in Frederick, was a life member of the Frederick Agricultural Society and was active in the PTA, her church, and other Frederick civic organizations. Her husband, Frank, who died in 2012, was a zealous Democrat who was always willing to contribute his time and resources to the local party. Carol was 84.



FDR signing the Social Security Act in 1935



FDR campaigning with David J. Lewis in 1938

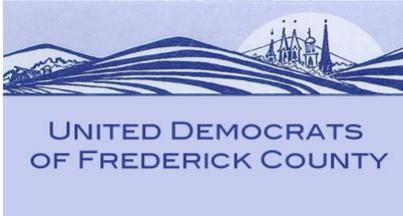


Mary Warshowsky with other Frederick County Democratic candidates in 1974/ Mary was second from the right in the second row in 1974



Carol Martz (left) with Seymour Stern, Frank Martz, and Lee Stern on 4/16/93





**UNITED DEMOCRATS OF  
FREDERICK COUNTY**

Hello UDFC Member and Friends,

If you live in the city of Frederick: PLEASE VOTE IN THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>- MOST PRIMARY BALLOTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MAILED TO FOLKS.... BUT YOU CAN VOTE IN PERSON ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup>!

UDFC will not be hosting a monthly meeting at Café 611 in September but will instead be encouraging all members to spend time volunteering at the Central Committee Dems tent at the Great Frederick Fair, September 12-20. If you are available anytime on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>- that is UDFC's GFF day...but you can volunteer on any date or shift that is best for you!! Most shifts are 3 hours: 10-1, 1-4, 4-7, and 7-9. There is lots to see and do, and many good things to eat!!

Here is the sign-up link:

Please visit this [link](https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/freddems_gff_2025) or sign up at [https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/freddems\\_gff\\_2025](https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/freddems_gff_2025)

There will be further instructions coming in the weeks ahead regarding parking and entry to the Fair. Volunteers can get parking passes as well as Fair entry passes when they are volunteering at a booth.

Hope to see you at the Fair!

- Maureen Grayzeck  
President, UDFC



**WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE  
OF FREDERICK COUNTY**

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 17**, when WDL takes center stage at the Great Frederick Fair! This special day is all about our members coming together to volunteer at the WDL booth, connect with the community, and showcase the amazing work we do. Shifts are just two hours, and you'll be paired with an experienced team lead—so whether you're a seasoned volunteer or a first-timer, you'll be in great hands. Stay tuned for details on how to sign up!

Looking ahead: Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on **Monday, October 20**. More information is on the way—we look

- Shelly Beaird-Francois,  
President, WDL



**SOUTH FREDERICK COUNTY  
DEMOCRATS**

The next meeting of the South County Dems is a Meet and Greet with County Executive Jessica Fitzwater on Saturday, September 20, from 9:30-11

am at a private home. This is a wonderful opportunity for folks to hear from County Executive Fitzwater about her administration's successes to date and her plans to continue such into the future, especially for folks who have not heard from her directly. This event has limited capacity, and RSVPs are required to attend. If you have not already received an invitation via email as part of the South County Dems and would like to attend, please let me know at danmelgalloway@verizon.net by Sept. 15 using the subject "Sept 20 Meet and Greet." If space allows, I will reach out to those on the waiting list starting Sept. 16.

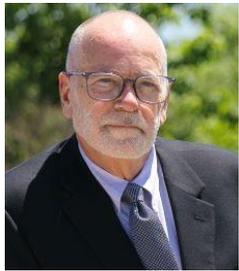
Over 30 people attended our excellent August 16 meeting, "Immigrant Justice—Beyond Welcoming the Stranger." Sebastian Brown of the MD American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) informed us of the 287(g) program in Frederick and the state. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests have risen sharply in Frederick County with about 2000 since 2008. The Trump administration is using Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act as its main enforcement tool. This section allows ICE to delegate immigration law enforcement to local authorities who can detain people in the county jail for up to 48 hours. This gives ICE time to arrest detainees for deportation as they are released. Current enforcement practices indicate wide-spread racial profiling; Frederick County lawsuit settlements alone have cost taxpayers \$500,000. Seb noted that states have the right to prohibit the use of 287(g) programs. Last year, the House of Delegates voted, but the Senate did not. Seb encouraged concerned citizens to press their Democratic State General Assembly members in Maryland to pass a statewide ban on 287(g).

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**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](mailto:danmelgalloway@verizon.net).

Melanie Galloway,  
President, SFCD



**Ron Beattie, Candidate, Frederick City Mayor**

People told me it was crazy to run against a two-term incumbent with great name recognition, especially since I've never run for office before. Campaigning for mayor has been an incredible journey that has deepened my appreciation for the wonderful people in our community. Through my campaign efforts, particularly highlighted on my website, [www.futureforfrederick.org](http://www.futureforfrederick.org), and through my social media posts, I have not only shared my vision for Frederick, but I have also encountered inspiring individuals who are passionate about our city's future. Meeting residents from all walks of life has been one of the most rewarding aspects of this experience. Each interaction has showcased the

diversity, creativity, and resilience that define our community. From young families eager to voice their aspirations for growth to seniors sharing their memories and hopes for the future, every conversation has been eye-opening. These encounters have reminded me that leadership is about listening, understanding, and genuinely connecting with the needs and desires of our constituents.

I've also been grateful for the support from local businesses, organizations, and volunteers who believe in our vision for a brighter Frederick. Their encouragement and enthusiasm, displayed across my social media platforms, have fueled my determination to bring about positive change. Together, we are cultivating a sense of community that is vital for our city's future.

I appreciate everyone I have met on this campaign trail. Your stories and passion inspire me, and together we will continue to strive for a Frederick that we can all be proud of.

-Ron Beattie, **Mayoral Candidate for the City of Frederick** 240-224-4921  
by authority of  
RonForFutureFrederick, Catherine Forrence, Treasurer



**Scott Lasher, Candidate, Frederick City Council – District 4**

The end of my campaign to win the

democratic primary for City Council in District 4 is rapidly approaching. What began in earnest on May 27 with a meeting with Steve Jakubczyk (of CRG) and a dinner which included all of the first-time democratic candidates has continued at a rapid pace through today's parade celebrating Mountain City Lodge 382. An amazing experience - filled with numerous candidate forums, door-to-door canvassing, individual meetings, trips to various project sites, podcasts and live-streamed events, workshops, special sponsored events, meetings with special interest groups, completion of various surveys, and hours of research and reading and moving along a very steep learning curve (an immense amount of learning in a small amount of time).

My announcement is that I will win the democratic primary, formally set for September 9, and will continue to campaign to win the general election in November. I will continue to do everything I have in the past few months; except I will be even further along my learning curve and ready to assume the role of City Council member when my four-year term begins. Most important is my commitment to listening and learning and making sure the residents of District 4 know they will have a voice in the decisions I make and the actions I take. AND – that voice will be heard early in any process which will lead to such a decision or action.





**Ryan Trout, Candidate, Frederick City Council – District 5**

I'm Ryan Trout, and I'm running to represent District 5 on the Frederick City Council. As a father of two school-age boys, a toddler, and even a dog who loves our parks, I see Frederick through the lens of family life. Whether I'm biking across town, running through our neighborhoods, or waiting at the bus stop with my kids as cars speed by, I know firsthand the infrastructure changes we need to keep families safe and connected. For more than 15 years, I've worked in housing and community development, led collaborative efforts to rewrite policies, directed programs that help families stay housed, supported seniors, and strengthened neighborhoods. Housing is my passion because I've seen what stability—or the lack of it—means for children, families, and entire communities. From directing housing programs to teaching local government at Mount St. Mary's University, I've dedicated my career to building strong, inclusive communities.

On the City Council, my priorities will be clear: keep Frederick affordable for families and seniors, improve safety and walkability, invest in our schools and parks, and ensure city government is transparent and outcome-focused.

**Primary Election Day is Tuesday, September 9.**

Make a plan to vote by mail or in person.

Learn more at: [www.votetrout.com](http://www.votetrout.com).

Together, we can build a Frederick where families of every kind can thrive.



**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!  
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**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](#)

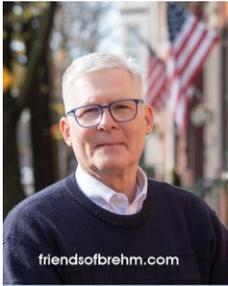


Don't forget to check the calendar on our website to keep up with Democratic meetings, candidate events, and more!

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



Join **CLUBBLUE!** Our monthly 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!



**Frederick is growing fast, and so must our leadership.**

By 2030, our population will reach 96,000. By 2060, we may reach 200,000. We need bold strategic planning now to avoid serious challenges—especially in District 3, the heart of Frederick

**I'm ready to lead:**  
 Visionary Leadership  
 Responsible Development  
 Community-Centered Planning  
 Neighborhood Investment  
 Historic District Protections

**PROUD DEMOCRAT**  
**BREHM**  
 Frederick City Council  
 District 3

Friends of Peter Brehm, Brian Wallington, Treasurer

**Here's what your City of Frederick neighbors say about Peter Brehm:**

"Peter grasps the existential threat to the viability of our city core caused by the permitting of high density residential projects that do not include sufficient parking. His understands the need to protect our city from traffic strangulation."  
**Bert Anderson**

"Peter values a government that listens to its residents. Peter has served on a NAC and understands their vital role. He brings people together to make real progress. Peter doesn't just talk about building community—he does it."  
**Sarah Costlow**  
 Board Director, Friends of Baker Park  
 Member, Frederick City Parks and Recreation Commission

"Not only is Peter is positioned to represent District 3 well, his history of dedication and service to the entire Frederick community prepares him to be an informed and effective leader on the Frederick City Council."  
**Meta Nash**  
 Former City Alderman  
 Past President, City Planning Commission

"Peter Brehm has consistently demonstrated the qualities of an effective leader, and I endorse his candidacy for Frederick City Council with complete confidence."  
**Rev. Dr. Rebecca Shillingburg**

**Endorsed by:** Former Mayor and State Senator Ron Young    State Delegate Kris Fair  
 State Senator Karen Lewis-Young    City Council Member Donna Kuzemichak




**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Casey Day**  
 Board of Education  
 A Good Day for Frederick

**STRONGER SCHOOLS START WITH US!  
 VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

**VOLUNTEERS CURRENTLY NEEDED FOR...**

- ✓ MIDDLETOWN HERITAGE FESTIVAL 9/27
- ✓ BRUNSWICK RAILROAD DAYS 10/4 & 5
- ✓ URBANA FALL FESTIVAL 10/11
- ✓ FALL LISTENING TOUR SUPPORT (NOTETAKING)
- ✓ PHONEBANK FUNDRAISING EVENING
- ✓ POSTCARDING



<https://tinyurl.com/DAYFORBOE> By authority Friends of Casey Day, Lindsay Beck, treasurer

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**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 10/16**

September 2025 At-a-Glance



**United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting**

**No Meeting this month**

Café 611, 611 North Frederick Street, Frederick

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

**Saturday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Women’s Democratic League of Frederick County  
Monthly Meeting**

**No Meeting this month**

Democratic HQ, 8 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Frederick

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

**No Meeting this month**

Democratic HQ, 8 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Frederick

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

**Saturday, September 20 at 9:30 a.m.**

To RSVP, please send email to: danmelgalloway@verizon.net using the  
Subject line: "Sept 20 Meet and Greet."

Address will be supplied on the confirmation.

**Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting**

**No meeting this month**

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

Join the Democratic Central Committee, WDL, and UDFC at the  
Democratic tent at the Great Frederick Fair, Friday, September  
12 – Saturday, September 20. View shifts and sign up [here](#).



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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 – DISTRICT 6**

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 SEPTEMBER 2025



Maryland Democratic Party Talk-Back Tour Kickoff – 08.18.25 (3 photos)



National Night Out – 08.05.25 (5 photos)



Special Event w/David Hogg, Co-Founder, March For Our Lives & Leaders We Deserve – 08.11.25 (6 photos)



Rally Supporting TX Dems & Voting Rights – 08.16.25 (2 photos)



Black Frederick Festival – 08.23.25 (5 photos)



Mountain City Lodge #382 (“Elks”) Parade – 08.24.25 (3 photos)