



# The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

By Authority: FCDCC, McCamie Patterson, Treasurer

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## CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

Today is the first day of the Republican Government shutdown. Maryland Democratic Federal, State, and local elected officials are working to assist residents. Impacted residents can access resources and information at these sites: 1) [Federal](#), 2) [State](#), 3) [County](#), and 4) [City](#). We have links to these sites listed on our [homepage](#) for convenience and accessibility.

Congratulations are in store for the City of Frederick Democratic primary winners who will move to the general election on Tuesday, November 4.

Mayor: Michael O'Connor  
City Council Nominees:  
District 1: Katie Nash  
District 2: Cesar Diaz  
District 3: Peter Brehm  
District 4: Scott Lasher  
District 5: Sarah Hempel Irani  
At-Large: Derek Shackelford & Libby Taylor

We also thank the Democratic candidates who did not advance

through the primary (Ron Beattie, Jennifer Dougherty, Fredy Garcia, Donna Kuzemchak, Kelly Russell, Dave Schmidt, and Ryan Trout) for putting their hat in the ring and engaging with their communities.

We must do all we can to ensure Democratic wins in the City's upcoming general election. To kick off our Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts, we are hosting a Unity Rally this Saturday, October 4, at 9:30 AM, at our HQ (8 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Frederick). Join us as we rally to elect an all-blue ticket. We'll hear from some of the candidates and a few of our Democratic elected officials. Immediately after, we will have a canvass launch and a phone bank. We hope you will join us and volunteer with us after. Click [here](#) to RSVP for the rally and [here](#) to learn more about canvassing and phone banking and sign up.

The City will send mail-in ballots between October 5 and 14. Make a plan to vote. You can choose **one** of these four options that best suits you:

Option 1) Vote by Mail – Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by election day (November 4) and received by the following Friday (November 7).

Option 2) Ballot Drop Box – Place your completed ballot in one of the City's six approved [drop boxes](#) by 8 PM on November 4.

Option 3) Early vote in person between 10 AM and 8 PM on Friday, October 24, and Saturday, October 25, at Trinity Recreation Center, 6040 New Design Road, Frederick.

Option 4) Vote in person on Election Day (November 4) at Trinity Recreation Center, 6040 New Design Road, Frederick, between 7 AM and 8 PM.

Frederick Democrats continue to be active in the community. Last month, we attended the Great Frederick Fair for eight days. We thank our volunteers who helped us staff our tent and the many Democratic elected officials, union members, and community members who stopped by. Of those who did, many expressed their appreciation for our presence, which we in turn appreciated. It was also wonderful that Governor Wes Moore could attend the Annual Governor's Day Luncheon at the Fair and support the agriculture community. We also attended a Stand Up For Schools gathering before the Board of Education meeting in support of ALL students, and just yesterday, we held a town hall in Myersville. We thank Tony Soltero and Teresa Schwab for leading the dialogue, and to the community members who came and shared their thoughts.

This month, we are again collaborating with Indivisible Frederick Coalition and Rise Up Frederick to co-host "No Kings 2.0" on Saturday, October 18. This local event is in solidarity with the National Day of Action ([NoKings.org](#)). Join us at Baker Park Bandshell at 4 PM to stand in peaceful unity and hear from a few speakers. More details announced soon. Please sign up [here](#).

Also this month, the Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club intends to host its last event of the year with

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Special Guest Anthony Brown, Maryland Attorney General. However, the original date of Monday, October 27, is being rescheduled due to an unexpected circumstance. Once confirmed, we will send notice of the new date. We hope those who have already RSVP'd or purchased tickets will be able to join us on the new night.

Two months from today (Monday, December 1), we will hold our annual event to recognize the recipient of the Beverly Byron award, which is given annually to a female Democrat who has demonstrated a years-long commitment to the Democratic Party and particularly to the empowerment of Democratic women to serve in elected office. This year's honoree is Yvette Lewis, a DNC Member, Senior Policy Advisor for Special Projects for Senator Angela Alsobrooks, and former Maryland Democratic Party Chair. Please join us at Dutch's Daughter to help us celebrate Yvette. We will also take a few moments to recognize Beverly Byron, who died earlier this year in July. Click [here](#) for information on tickets, sponsorships, and ads.

The Central Committee recently met and interviewed applicants for an Associate Member seat. After a voice vote, former Associate Member Teresa Schwab was reappointed. We welcome her back to the Central Committee.

We are now looking to fill a newly vacant associate member position. 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. They may attend state party meeting as well, but may not vote at those meetings. 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 Wednesday, October 15, 2025, to [info@frederickdemocrats.org](mailto:info@frederickdemocrats.org). Applicants must also be available for a brief in-person interview on Tuesday, October 21, during the latter part of our public meeting. Members will then conduct a live open roll call vote after a closed discussion. The Committee Chair will email each applicant soon after the deadline with the interview time and other details.

As I mentioned, our next Central Committee regular meeting is 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.

Before closing out my article, I want to take a minute to acknowledge the recent passing of Sue Hecht, former Democratic Delegate for District 3. Sue was a champion for equality, a mentor, a leader, and an encourager. She spent years using her voice to uplift, defend, and advocate for women in the non-profit and political sectors. She was engaged in good trouble on behalf of the marginalized, her constituents, and our community. We extend our condolences to her family and loved ones and thank and appreciate her for all she did.

Our local HQ is a collection site for a socks and gloves drive for children and adults 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.

2026 is right around the corner. We need Democrats running in every race for offices on Frederick County ballots. Are you ready to lead? Submit your information via [mddems.org/run](http://mddems.org/run), and we'll contact you soon.

If you're looking for a way to help others locally or to get involved in local resistance efforts in response to the Republicans' power grab and overreach, visit our Resist Fascism page. We also post or share various notices, events, and options on our [Facebook page](#).



*Tom Slater, Frederick County Democratic Party Historian*

**Rabbit Holes: Thomas McNulty and Arthur Pue Gorman**

I try to spend at least three hours a day in my basement library/den, going through political material (mostly newspaper clippings) that I have accumulated over the years. I think I mentioned in a previous column that recently the Democratic Central Committee acquired some boxes from Florence Schell's house after it had been sold. The boxes contained a treasure trove of information,

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especially about the Women’s Democratic League of Frederick County. Among the documents included were two programs from the United Democratic Women’s Club of Maryland’s 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> state conventions that were held at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore in 1952 and 1954. Whenever I see a program from years ago that includes names of people involved in a political event, I try to identify who the people were, and I especially search for their obituaries. Both programs mentioned solos or group singing led by Thomas F. McNulty. From Thomas McNulty’s obituary, I found that he died in 1995, had attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music, was a successful businessman, and was instrumental in the establishment of the ARC of Baltimore and the St. Francis School for Special Education. He established the McNulty Foundation to improve conditions for mentally challenged children. He was also a Democrat who served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1943 to 1947.

Even more interesting was the obituary I located for McNulty’s father, which I happened upon first. His father, also named Thomas McNulty, died in 1932 and was enmeshed in Baltimore politics with particular talents as a house painter and singer. Baltimore City Mayor Ferdinand Latrobe was running for re-election in 1887 and campaigned by driving a carriage pulled by a decrepit old mare. McNulty, the story goes, composed a song, “The Old Grey Mare,” which helped propel Latrobe to re-election. Hearing of McNulty’s talents, Grover Cleveland convinced McNulty and one of Baltimore’s leading political bosses, Arthur Pue Gorman, to engage in a singing tour of the Midwest to support the Cleveland campaign for president. Later, McNulty did the same for the campaigns of William Jennings Bryan and eventually, after a few unsuccessful efforts, he was elected Sheriff of Baltimore City and served from 1913 until 1923.

A few years ago I read a biography of Arthur Pue Gorman, but honestly, I forgot most of what I had read. Consulting Wikipedia, I was reminded of what an intriguing character Gorman was. Gorman did all of the following before he died of a heart attack at the age of 67 in 1906:

- 1.He was a page in the U.S. Senate at age
- 2.He was Senator Stephen A. Douglas’s private secretary.
- 3.He served the U.S. Senate as an assistant doorkeeper, assistant postmaster, and postmaster.
- 4.At the age of 20, in 1859, he was a founding member of the Washington Nationals of the National Association baseball team and later was their star left-fielder.
- 5.He was a pro-union Democrat during the Civil War and supported Vice President and later President Andrew Johnson, who appointed Gorman as Collector of Internal Revenue for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Maryland after the Republicans in the Senate removed him as postmaster.
- 6.He served in the Maryland House of Delegates (1869-75) and the Maryland Senate (1875-1881).
- 7.He was selected by the Maryland legislature to serve in the United States Senate and served from 1880-1898 and from 1902 until he died.
- 8.While in the U.S. Senate, he also served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and twice served as chair of the Democratic Caucus.

- 9.His name is attached to one of the most famous pieces of federal legislation, the Wilson-Gorman Tariff of 1894, which significantly lowered tariff rates and imposed a U.S. income tax of 2% on incomes above \$4,000 (the income tax was later declared to be unconstitutional, and in 1913, a constitutional amendment was passed allowing a federal income tax).
- 10.In 1884, he was credited with recognizing that the statement made by one of Republican candidate James G. Blaine’s supporters that the Democratic Party was the party of “Rum, Romanism, and Rebellion” could be used against Blaine in the election, resulting in Grover Cleveland’s first election victory.
- 11.He was the recognized leader of the Gorman-Rasin organization, which controlled the Maryland Democratic Party from the 1870s until his death.
- 12.He was a director and eventually president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company.

As a dedicated baseball fan who was a faithful follower of the old Washington Senators when I was growing up in the Washington suburbs, I was especially intrigued by Gorman’s baseball connections. The biography of Gorman only briefly mentions his association with baseball, but Wikipedia contains a fascinating piece of trivia about Gorman: “In 1891, as part of the expanded National League, a Washington franchise was added. Originally called the Washington Statesmen, the team was renamed

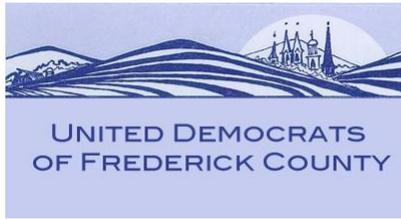
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'Senators' to honor Gorman. While this team folded in 1899, subsequent franchises would use the 'Senators' name until 1971."

Another piece of trivia: Gorman was unsuccessful in being selected for re-election to the U.S. Senate by the Maryland legislature in 1898, losing to Republican Louis E. McComas, who was the grandfather of Katherine Byron (the first woman elected to Congress in the State of Maryland), wife of Congressman William Byron, mother of Congressman Goodloe E. Byron, and mother-in-law of Congresswoman Beverly B. Byron.

Though I describe Gorman as an "intriguing character," in one very important respect, he is not to be emulated. He was quoted as saying, "We have determined that this government was made by white men( and shall be ruled by white men as long as the republic lasts." According to the Maryland State Archives' biography of Gorman, he spearheaded an attempt by Democrats to disenfranchise black voters in Maryland, who tended to vote Republican. His efforts failed in 1904 when a referendum to disenfranchise black voters (the "Poe Amendment" to the Maryland constitution) was rejected by the citizens of Maryland and opposed by Democratic governor Edwin Warfield. In 2000, a proposed neighborhood within the Kings Contrivance section of Columbia, Maryland, was to be named "Gorman's Promise," but the naming was cancelled after consideration of Gorman's involvement in the attempted disenfranchisement of black voters. History is important because it allows us to examine the good and the bad of our past. It should not be whitewashed and distorted as the Trump administration is insidiously trying to do.

**UNITED DEMOCRATS OF  
FREDERICK COUNTY**



Dear United Democrats and Friends,

UDFC thanks all those who were able to join the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee and other Democratic clubs at the 2025 Great Frederick Fair. This is our biggest annual event and requires a large village to staff the tent and greet visitors! If you were not able to come this year, put it on the calendar for next year!

UDFC is holding the monthly meeting once again at Café 611 - 611 North Market Street- in downtown Frederick. The date is Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The doors open at 6 PM for folks to order food and beverages if they choose, and to socialize and relax from 6-7 PM

We have invited the Mayor and City Council winners from the Democratic Primary to join us at Café 611 to get acquainted (and re-acquainted!), and to have a chance to speak to us about their campaigns and talk about how we may be of assistance to them.

Please come out and support our candidates, and get to know who they are!

Please keep your eyes and ears open in this political season for the many events and activities that are going on. There are many ways that we, as Democrats, can show up and give support to all our candidates- not only with dollar contributions, but giving your energy, enthusiasm, and TIME to our upcoming and or/continuing elected officials.

- Maureen Grayzeck  
President, UDFC



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

October 1<sup>st</sup> marks the start of **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. The numbers are sobering: in 2025, an estimated **316,950 women** in the U.S. will hear the words "you have breast cancer"—and nearly **2,800 men** will, too. These aren't just statistics. They're mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, and friends.

As both the **President of WDL** and a **cancer survivor**, I urge you to schedule your mammograms. **Early detection saves lives.** It saved mine.

I want to thank the **WDL volunteers** who staffed the Frederick Democrats' booth at the Great Frederick Fair. Yes, there were a few bumps along the way (aren't there always?), but the gratitude from visitors—from right here in Frederick County to folks across Maryland and beyond—was overwhelming. Our presence mattered, and it was noticed.

Now, as we turn the page into fall, it's time to focus on the future. The **Women's Democratic League** will resume our monthly meetings on **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Democrat's office at 8. W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Frederick.** We will roll up our sleeves and get ready for **2026** by holding elections for WDL officers.

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I encourage every member to join us for this meeting. If you've ever thought about becoming part of the WDL, there is no better time than now—your voice and energy are needed! Together, let's fill the room with excitement, strength, and unity

- Shelly Beaird-Francois,  
President, WDL



**SOUTH FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS**

If you are looking for inspiration in what other organizations are doing to further the Democratic brand, find more Democrats to run in every down-ballot race, and build up local Democratic parties, then our October meeting is the place to be. We will be hearing from Zoë Stein, Executive Director of Contest Every Race. Zoë will share her personal story of “why” she got into political organizing. She'll also discuss Contest Every Race's impactful candidate recruitment and county party organizing programs, and how the organization is helping Democrats run—and win—in every election by strengthening local party infrastructure and connecting candidates with the partners they need to succeed.

We will meet on October 25 from 9:30 am – 11 am at Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Road, Frederick. We will be meeting in the Upper Barn (not our usual venue). Follow the entrance road as it curves to the left. We will meet in the barn building on the right side of the first parking lot on your right. You will need to go to the far end of the

parking lot and walk to the right to the entrance of the barn. We look forward to seeing you all this month as we gather in person. (Note that we moved from our regular meeting date of Oct. 18 to allow folks to attend No Kings II protests; there is one in DC from 12-3 pm and Frederick from 4-6 pm in Baker Park.)

While not necessary, if you could RSVP to [danmelgalloway@verizon.net](mailto: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 or beverages, 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](mailto:danmelgalloway@verizon.net) or the Vice President, Annette Breiling, at [Annette.breiling@gmail.com](mailto:Annette.breiling@gmail.com).

We had a terrific program in September as we hosted County Executive Jessica Fitzwater in a Meet and Greet. She spoke about educational construction and support and noted the importance of the educational system to a healthy county. Shortage of affordable housing remains an issue in the county; she spoke of plans to use county land for worker and senior housing. She also elaborated on the impacts of Federal cuts, including to SNAP and Medicaid cuts, to the county's citizens and its budget. Her administration is working with the State, employers, and non-profits to plan for what lies ahead.

Melanie Galloway,  
President, SFCD

**POSTCARDING TO HELP SAVE OUR COUNTRY**

This November, PA voters will vote whether to retain 3 PA State Supreme Court justices—all Democrats.

Republicans are pouring millions of dollars to oust them with plans to then flip the Court majority. They have started to send flyers, even to Democratic voters, misleading them about term limits for these justices. 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).



**MAYOR MICHAEL O'CONNOR**



I am enormously grateful for the support I received in the Primary Election. And I remain humbled to have served the residents and businesses of Frederick for the last eight years as Mayor, and previously as a member of the Board of Aldermen. We owe a great deal of our success to the unwavering support of my family, close friends, and our campaign team. Thank you.

Now we need to unite towards November and continue the progress we have made over the last four years to address issues of equity, opportunity, and resilience, for all in our community.

I am enthusiastic about the candidates who advanced on the City Council:

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Incumbent members Council President Katie Nash (District 1) and Council Vice President Derek Shackelford (at-large), and new candidates Libby Taylor (at-large), Cesar Diaz (District 2), Peter Brehm (District 3), Scott Lasher (District 5), and Sarah Hempel-Irani (District). I, Scott, and Sarah particularly need your help as we face contested November races. This entire team deserves your support, financially, as volunteers, and with your voice and your vote voice.

Thank you also to the candidates who were not successful. Your participation in the process is what makes democracy stronger. I am thankful for your service, your energy, and your ideas.

I have been clear that our residents deserve to live in a city that delivers opportunity, protects rights, and builds for the future. We have enumerated our accomplishments throughout the campaign including critical investments in infrastructure, new programs and amenities, youth connections, and strong partnerships with County Executive Fitzwater and the Council Coucil, our District 3 Delegation in Annapolis, and U.S. Senators Van Hollen and Alsobrooks, and Congresswoman McClain Delaney.

Maintaining a high quality of life for every resident and every neighborhood is critical and requires continued funding and advocacy for mobility improvements, parks and recreation, and public safety, while addressing broad concerns about affordability in housing, health care, child care, and transportation.

We have the chance to again make history by sweeping City elections for a third consecutive cycle. Thank you and together we will keep moving Frederick forward!

[www.oconnorforfrederick.com](http://www.oconnorforfrederick.com)



*Mayor Michael O'Connor and Sue Hecht, Former Democratic Delegate for District 3*



*Governor's Day at the Great Frederick Fair. Secretary of Agriculture, Kevin Atticks, County Executive Jessica Fitzwater, Mayor Michael O'Connor, Governor Wes Moore, Fair Board President Jacqui Kreh Michael*



**JERRY DONALD**  
**Council Member**  
**District 1**

**Jerry Donald Announces Candidacy for Maryland House of Delegates in District Four**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 - Frederick County Councilmember Jerry Donald has announced his candidacy for the Maryland House of Delegates in District Four. After representing the residents of Frederick County District One for all three possible terms, Donald now hopes to use his experience to benefit the residents of Maryland's Legislative District Four and work to bring more funding back to the district.

Donald said, "As delegate for District Four, I want to use my experience to bring residents' tax dollars back to our district. The current members of the House of Delegates in District Four only brought \$175,000 back to the district for Fiscal Year 2026. Comparatively, the members representing District Three brought back over \$12 million. Frederick County has several large projects coming up which will require state support to be realized, including a new high school in Brunswick. We need our state partners to do their share, and as your state delegate I hope to use my experience as a councilmember to ensure we're getting the funding we need."

As the Frederick County Councilmember representing District One, Jerry Donald successfully advocated for multiple projects including a new library and fire hall in Middletown, the development of Othello Park, Ballinger Creek Trail, and Point of Rocks Community Commons Park, and the renovation of Middletown Park, as well as the construction of Brunswick, Urbana, Sugarloaf, and Valley elementary schools.

To learn more, visit [www.donald4delegate.com](http://www.donald4delegate.com).

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Join the Frederick County Democratic Party for a

# UNITY RALLY

Saturday, October 4

9:30-10:30 AM

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

Join us as we rally in unity to elect an all-blue ticket in Frederick City in November! We'll hear from many of the 2025 Frederick Municipal Election candidates and a few Democratic elected officials.

Scan the QR code to sign up for the rally, or visit [frederickdemocrats.org](http://frederickdemocrats.org).

Immediately after, we'll have a canvass launch and phone bank.  
More details soon.



[frederickdemocrats.org](http://frederickdemocrats.org)



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## Editor's Corner

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Send me an email with your ideas, materials, or feedback for consideration.

Hope you enjoyed reading!  
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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!

## 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>



Paul Fulcher & Alejandro Maurosa along with Steve and Janis Blair, Hon. Kristopher Fair and Dominick Fair, Cynthia Scott Johnson, Russ Hodge, Hon. Joe Vogel, David Schmidt, and Jess Douglas

*Invite you to a Fundraiser to Benefit*

**Re-elect Michael O'Connor for Mayor**



Friday, October 10, 2025  
6:30-8:30pm

Suggested donation \$50

RSVP to: Paul Fulcher at paul.fulcher@gmail.com  
Location will be given at that time of RSVP

**DONALD 4 DELEGATE**

Support Jerry Donald for State Delegate District 4!

Join our campaign kickoff event!  
Meet Jerry and enjoy food, refreshments, & music by Owen Davis and Marc Musser

Oct. 5 | 1-3 PM

Middletown Park, Shelter 3  
7628 Coblenz Road, Middletown MD

Get your ticket or sponsor!  
[tinyurl.com/donaldkickoff](https://tinyurl.com/donaldkickoff)

Authority: Citizens For Jerry Donald Treasurer: Camden Royner

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL FALL FAMILY FUNDRAISER!

**JESSICA FITZWATER**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
**LT. GOVERNOR ARUNA MILLER**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025  
1:30-3:00 PM  
Ballenger Creek Park  
SHELTER 2  
5420 Ballenger Creek Pike  
Frederick, MD 21703

Food and Fun for the whole Family

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Co-host: \$500 | Host: \$1,000

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Or send a check to:  
Friends of Jessica Fitzwater  
P.O. Box 3574  
Frederick, MD 21705

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO RSVP  
EMAIL: STEPHANIE\_AT\_RSVP@MELLINGERGROUPO.COM  
BY AUTHORITY: FRIENDS OF JESSICA FITZWATER, PAUL FULCHER TREASURER.

*Join Us*  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
*for a*  
**DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE**  
*Meet & Greet*

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\$250 - PRINT THE LITERATURE FRIEND  
\$100 - DISTRIBUTE THE SIGNS PARTNER

- ★ A "Pay What You Can" event
- ★ All Proceeds will be evenly divided between all 7 Democratic City Council Candidates

**At Large Candidates**  
Libby Taylor [www.taylormadeforchange.com/](http://www.taylormadeforchange.com/)  
Derek Shackelford [www.derek4alderman.com/](http://www.derek4alderman.com/)

**District 1**  
Katie Nash [www.nashforfrederick.org/](http://www.nashforfrederick.org/)

**District 2**  
César Díaz [www.diazforfrederick.com/](http://www.diazforfrederick.com/)

**District 3**  
Peter Brehm [www.friendsofpeterbrehm.com/](http://www.friendsofpeterbrehm.com/)

**District 4**  
Scott Lasher [www.time4scott.org/](http://www.time4scott.org/)

**District 5**  
Sarah Hempel Irani [www.sarahforfrederick.com/](http://www.sarahforfrederick.com/)

*Location*  
**THE STATION MARKET & CAFE**  
629 N BENTZ ST  
FREDERICK, MD 21701  
Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
4:30pm - 6:00pm

Authorized by Nash For Frederick, Josh Boken, Treasurer

**They're Here! Get Yours Today!**

Don't miss your chance to grab our NEW campaign t-shirts - yours for just a \$20+ donation to the campaign!

**\$20+** donation to the campaign

Your \$20 also helps buy:

- 80 pieces of literature for voters, or
- 3 yard signs, or
- ½ table fee for a festival or event, or
- 66 mailed postcards, or
- 28 buttons, or...

**DONATE HERE** <https://tinyurl.com/caseyshirts>

By authority Friends of Casey Day, Lindsay Beck, Treasurer

Sign-up to join Team Casey at [tinyurl/TeamCasey/2026](https://tinyurl.com/TeamCasey/2026)

October 2025 At-a-Glance



**Unity Rally & Get Out the Vote**  
**Saturday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m.**

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

**United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

Café 611, 611 North Frederick Street, Frederick

**North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up**  
**Saturday, October 11 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**

**Monday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

**Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meet-Up**  
**Saturday, October 25 at 9:30 a.m.**

Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Road, Frederick.  
 Meet in Upper Barn

**Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting**  
**No meeting this month**

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



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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 November 2025 for the Mayor and seven-member City Council.

**DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR THE 2025 CITY OF FREDERICK MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTIONS**

**MAYOR**

Michael O'Connor

**CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE**

Derek Shackelford  
Libby Taylor

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**

Katie Nash

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2**

Cesar Diaz

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3**

Peter Brehm

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

S. Scott Lasher

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5**

Sarah Hempel Irani

**CURRENT FILED CANDIDATES REGISTERED AS DEMOCRATS FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN 2026**

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



**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**

April McClain Delaney  
George Gluck  
Daniel Krakower

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES – DISTRICT 3**

Kris Fair  
Ken Kerr  
Karen Simpson

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES – DISTRICT 4**

Jerry Donald  
Alleria Stanley

**COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE**

Renee Knapp  
Brad Young

**COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 1**

Jenn Alcorn

**COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 3**

Josh Bokee

**COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 5**

Johnny Mercer

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## A LOOK BACK AT FREDERICK DEMS IN THE COMMUNITY IN SEPTEMBER 2025

1st Photo: First Saturday, 09.07.25 | Gov Moore Photo: The Great Frederick Fair Gov's Luncheon | All Others: Democratic Tent @ The Great Frederick Fair – Friday, 09.13.25 – Saturday, 09.20.25. We apologize we couldn't get photos of all volunteers.

