



# 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

The federal government shutdown continues to wreak havoc on livelihoods and community resources. Our Maryland Democratic elected officials at all government levels are working to assist those impacted. 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.

We're thankful to those who attended our Unity Rally early last month and helped kick off our Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts for the Frederick City Municipal General Election, which is coming up on Tuesday, November 4. Since the Unity Rally, we have been busy with canvassing and phone banking efforts, and this weekend and the next few days will be no different. By the time you receive this newsletter, we'll be finished lit-dropping and making calls today. Lit dropping means distributing candidate materials at people's doors without knocking. We

ask for your help with our lit-dropping tomorrow (Sunday, 11.02), and our Election Day activities as we [phone bank](#) and [greet voters](#) outside the polling center.

If you are a City resident and haven't voted yet, PLEASE VOTE! Your vote helps shape your future: housing affordability, childcare affordability, and a Frederick you can pay for. Our nominees are dedicated to improving life for you and everyone in Frederick by addressing these and other vital issues that matter to you. You can choose **one** of these 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) Vote in person on Election Day (November 4) at Trinity Recreation Center, 6040 New Design Road, Frederick, between 7 AM and 8 PM.

Once the polls close at 8 PM, join us and co-host Mayor Michael O'Connor for an Election Night Watch Party at Frederick Social, 50 Citizens Way, Frederick. We'll be there until 11 PM. Small bites & cash bar available. [RSVP](#) is suggested.

Frederick Democrats continue to be active in the community. Last month, we participated at First Saturday and attended various community meetings, candidate events, and other events.

One of the events was the No Kings Rally, which we co-hosted with Indivisible Frederick Coalition and Rise Up Frederick. This was our largest resistance event yet. We don't have official attendance numbers, but sources ranged from a low estimate of 5,000 to as high as 7,200! Whatever the actual number, we are incredibly grateful for everyone who joined us, and those who wanted to but couldn't. Despite the rhetoric we heard from Republicans and the MAGA wing leading up to the rally, we didn't unite because we hate our country; we did so because we love it and care about what happens to it, and our humanity.

We also hosted a trustees' luncheon with special guest Lt. Governor Aruna Miller and our last "Plow-Fish" event of the year with special guest Maryland Attorney General Anthony Brown. Both shared their thoughts and feedback on federal government affairs, with Lt. Governor Miller sharing plans and actions of the Moore-Miller Administration to protect and serve Marylanders. And Attorney General Brown shared how his office has filed lawsuits against the Republican Administration's harmful Executive Orders and other destructive acts.

In other news, join us one month from today (Monday, December 1), at Dutch's Daughter, as we recognize and celebrate Yvette Lewis as this year's recipient of the Beverly Byron award. Yvette is a DNC Member, Senior Policy Advisor for Special Projects for Senator Angela Alsobrooks, and former Maryland Democratic Party Chair. Click [here](#) for information on

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tickets, sponsorships, and ads.

In the spirit of recognition, I want to recognize Taylor Elder, our newly appointed associate member of the Central Committee. Taylor says, "Hello, Frederick Democrats! My name is Taylor Elder, and I am honored to serve as a member of the Central Committee. I'm a lifelong Frederick County resident and a current college student at FCC. I'm ready to push for a more affordable and accessible community and advocate for the working class. Thank you!" We look forward to Taylor providing our committee with a much-needed younger perspective and to working alongside him in our efforts to serve the community.

We thank our other applicants and look forward to their involvement in different ways.

Our next Central Committee regular meeting is on November 18, at 6:30 PM, at our HQ, 8 West 5th Street, Frederick. Come share your thoughts and/or listen in as we discuss our business and activities.

Our local HQ is a collection site for a canned meat and cereal drive this month. Dems Help, a local group, 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. Note: Our Tuesday office hours will change to 5-7 PM starting November 11 until soon after the new year.

Are you considering running for office in 2026? The Maryland Democratic Party has unveiled a new [website](#) loaded with information to help you take your first steps. I'm sure you'll realize it's a resource you'll want to bookmark and refer to often. We'd also

like to [chat with you](#) to discuss your candidacy options in Frederick County.



Taylor Elder



Tom Slater, Frederick County Democratic Party Historian

**The Rest of the Story - Remembering Sue Hecht**

To say that Sue Hecht was a trailblazer is not a cliché. Trailblazer is defined as a "Pioneer or innovator."

Sue was indeed a pioneer. In 1994, when she was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates after an impressive career as the Executive Director of Heartly House, she became the first female Democrat to be elected to the House from Frederick County, as best I can determine. Her election was even more impressive when placed in context. By 1994, Republican registration in Frederick County had exceeded Democratic registration. 1994 was the year of Newt Gingrich's Contract With (or On) America. It was a very tough year for Democrats. Prince George's County Executive, Parris Glendening, was narrowly elected Governor over Ellen Sauerbrey by just less than 6,000 votes, and Sauerbrey

beat Glendening in Frederick County, 30,992 to 17,024. Sue won her election by only 473 votes. Longtime incumbent Democrats Senator Charles Smelser and Delegate Doc McClellan retired that year. They had a reputation for "bringing home the bacon" for Frederick County. Three-term Democratic Delegate Tom Hattery was defeated for re-election, and three-term Democratic Delegate George Littrell was defeated in his attempt to replace Smelser in the Senate. Upon her election, she was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee, which allowed her to carry on the tradition of Smelser and McClellan. For the next eight years, Sue was the only Democrat representing Frederick County in Annapolis. Upon her reelection in 1998, Democrats held only 3 of the 20 non-municipal elected offices in Frederick County: Sue, Commissioner Jan Gardner, and County Treasurer Lois Filby. For that four-year period, Glendening, Frederick County chair Bob Kresslein, Sue, Jan, and I (Chair of the Democratic State Central Committee) would meet monthly for breakfast to strategize how to keep the Democratic Party relevant in Frederick County. The four of us traveled to Annapolis and met with newly elected Governor Glendening and his chief of staff to emphasize that the four of us were the voice of the Democratic Party in Frederick County and would speak with one voice.

In the legislature, Sue became a force for progress as she advocated for Jessica's Law and Christopher's Law, designed to punish child sexual predators, worked against the proliferation of power plans, supported increased penalties for drunk drivers, was an advocate for advances in education, supported a code of fair conduct for political campaigns, and brought home the bacon for Frederick County. She was popular among her colleagues, served as deputy whip, entered the Circle of

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Excellence by the Daily Record as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women, was chair of the Women Legislators of Maryland, was a delegate to four served as vice chair of the Maryland National Democratic Conventions, Democratic Party, and won numerous awards for her service in the legislature. She was a strong advocate for the Maryland Democratic Party, getting involved to support Democratic candidates in the 1997 Frederick City election and subsequent city elections.

In 2002, Sue took on the difficult task of challenging a Republican incumbent, State Senator Alex Mooney. Despite an energetic "Hecht Yes" campaign, she fell short of victory and was outspent by Mooney \$800,000 to \$350,000. The Democratic State Central Committee of Frederick County recognized Sue for her service to the party by presenting her with an award in 2002, but she did not rest on her laurels and was elected again to the House of Delegates in 2006, where she and Galen Clagett were the only Democrats representing Frederick County in the legislature. After retiring in 2010, she and her husband Bob moved to Florida. After Bob passed away in 2022, Sue returned to Frederick and made her presence known again in local and state elections, particularly in the campaign of Angela Alsobrooks for the U.S. Senate. She continued to be a fighter for justice until she was taken from us suddenly in September. She will be missed for her bright smile, energy, can-do spirit, and commitment to Democratic ideals.



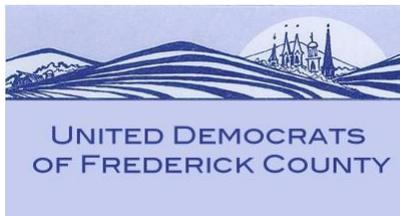
Pictures: Sue Hecht with Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and Jan Gardner in 2001



Sue Hecht at the Frederick County Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in 2002.



Sue Hecht and Senator Karen Lewis Young at the Women Legislators of Maryland reception in 2023



**UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY**

Dear United Democrats and Friends,

UDFC welcomes you to come to our November meeting at Café 611 at 611 North Market Street from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. The doors open at 6:00 PM for ordering food and beverages (at your expense) and socializing. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. We are delighted to have two of the Frederick Municipal Election Candidates as our guests for the program: City Council At-Large candidate Libby Taylor and City Council District 5 Candidate Sarah Hempel Irani. They will each speak for about 10-15 minutes, and we'll follow

up with a Q&A with the audience. Please join us to have a chance to meet them in person!

Our last meeting at Café 611 was well attended, we had 3 guest speakers who are running in the 2025 Municipal Election: Frederick Mayor Michael O'Connor, City Council candidate at Large, Derek Shackelford, and City Council District 3 candidate, Peter Brehm. All three speakers spoke about their goals for our city and how they hope to help all of us navigate these very difficult times we are in now and for the foreseeable future. All three candidates spoke positively about working together and meeting the needs of all their constituents.

What a fantastic turnout for NO Kings Day on October 18<sup>th</sup>....in Frederick and across the nation! Frederick was highlighted on the Rachel Maddow show on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, when she reviewed cities across the country that held marches. When she showed pictures of Maryland, she showed 3 cities: Baltimore, Frederick (at the packed Band Shell in Baker Park), and I believe, Annapolis! GO FREDERICK: BIG Time MSNBC with Rache!

**Please mark your calendars:**

Deliver your mail-in ballots for the Municipal Election to the several drop boxes in Frederick if you have not already mailed them in! You can also vote in person on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Recreation Center, 6040 New Design Rd. Frederick, MD 21703

Wednesday, December 3- Holiday potluck gathering hosted by the Democratic Central Committee and our combined Frederick County Frederick Clubs at ERUCC. It will be in the evening with the time TBD.

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

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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



Mayor Michael O'Connor



City Council Candidate at-Large, Derek Shackelford, and members in attendance.



## SOUTH FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Next Meeting – November 15, 2025

The November monthly meeting of the South Frederick County Democratic Club (South County Dems) is set for November 15, 9:30 – 11 am at Bar-T Mountainside at 2914 Roderick Road, Frederick. Our topics to date this year, have been politically weighty, so to usher in the holiday season, we are

going to a lighter, but still very information and engaging, presentation. Our guest speakers will be Thomas Slater, Esq., and Senator Ron Young exploring “Maryland Governors I Have Known.” Tom will share some historical perspectives of Maryland governors (and a few Lt. Governors), and Ron will sprinkle in stories of encounters and dealings with the upper echelons of Maryland politics. Both are luminaries in this arena and have decades of first-hand experience to share, Ron as a 4-term Frederick mayor and 3-term state senator, and Tom as a Democratic Central Committee member (elected 8 times) and chair for 3 terms, and having attended 14 Democratic National Conventions.

At Bar-T Mountainside, we meet in the larger white building located past the small white building (camp office) on your right. Our building is across from the next and larger parking lot and has a side entrance under the porch overhang on the right side of the building.

While not necessary, if you could RSVP to [danmelgalloway@verizon.net](mailto:danmelgalloway@verizon.net) with your plans to attend it would be helpful to know how many to set up for and that we will have a good turnout for our guest speakers. 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](mailto:danmelgalloway@verizon.net) or the Vice President, Annette Breiling, at [Annette.breiling@gmail.com](mailto:Annette.breiling@gmail.com).

We met on October 25 with 34 very engaged attendees, 17 of whom were first-time attendees. Our guest speaker was Zoe Stein, Executive Director of Contest Every Race. She noted that nationwide in 2025, there will be approximately 100,000

elections—50% of these contests have no Democratic candidate. CER finds people who are curious about running for office, and then learns more about them, connects them with support partners, and introduces them to county-level Democratic organizations. CER also supports local Democratic parties and organizations in rural areas through its monthly grants program to provide a functioning infrastructure for Democrats to build upon. Note that Melanie is holding a Zoom fundraiser to benefit Contest Every Race on Nov. 12. If interested, email her at the address above.

South County Dems will be collecting for Dems Help at its November meeting. Please consider donating shelf-stable meats, cereal, and powdered milk.

Hold the date of December 3 for a county-wide holiday potluck party for all Democratic groups at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ. More details to come.



## MAYOR MICHAEL O'CONNOR



Just a few days remain to cast your vote in the City of Frederick election. Drop boxes will be available until 8:00 PM, Tuesday, November 4, and mailed in ballots must be postmarked by that same date. Because the overwhelming majority of ballots will be received by one of those two methods, the count that is released Election night will only reflect ballots cast through in person early voting or in-person day of voting.

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The counting of mailed-in ballots and those collected from the drop boxes will begin Thursday morning, November 6.

It has been really heartening to see this community rise up and make their voices heard as we continue to watch the systematic undermining of our founding values by the Trump administration and the republican led Congress. The rallies that have been held have unified our community, and I am proud the City of Frederick has been and will continue to be a leader in standing up for democracy and our shared American spirit.

Thousands gathered on Saturday, October 18, for the latest No Kings protest. Here are the remarks delivered that day on my behalf: Good afternoon, and thank you to everyone here today who refuses to stay silent. I'm sorry I can't be with you in person, but I want you to know I stand fully with the spirit of today's gathering.

It's hard to miss the irony of this moment. The same people who have long branded themselves as the party of law and order are now leading the charge to throw out the rules, dismiss the courts, and rewrite the Constitution to suit one man. That isn't patriotism. It's autocracy.

In our city—and in this country—we reject that. We believe in laws that apply to everyone, in checks that limit power, and that no one stands above accountability. Those are not partisan principles. They are the foundation of our democracy. And when we stop defending them, we stop being the nation our founders built. Public office is a public trust. Power is borrowed, not owned, and it must always be exercised with restraint and humility.

Frederick's story is built on civic courage—people who show up, speak

up, and hold power to account. That's what keeps government honest. That's what keeps democracy alive.

No kings. No exceptions.

Thank you for being here—and for proving that the strength of our democracy is still in the hands of its citizens.

Finally, while we all wish it wasn't necessary, the City of Frederick pledges to stand with our families and neighbors while the republican led Congress refuses to negotiate and keeps the federal government shutdown. We have sponsored one services fair and food distribution event for furloughed federal workers at the Trinity Recreation Center already, and have our next "Supporting Those Who Serve" event set for November 3, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the same location.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the work we do on behalf of our residents.

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



Mayor Michael O'Connor with Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller at our recent Trustee Lunch in Annapolis.



Mayor Michael O'Connor speaking at the post-primary Unity event at Dems HQ



## 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>

# Karen Simpson

State Delegate

December 4, 2025 | Thursday 6PM

Special Guests:  
Madame Speaker Adrienne Jones  
Chair Luke Clippinger, House Judiciary Committee

Address Upon RSVP

*Tickets* Guest \$100 | Sponsor \$500  
Champion \$1000  
bit.ly/KSimpson26



Friends of Karen Simpson  
Donna Flaharty, Treasurer  
PO Box 1358, Frederick, MD 21702  
Karen4Maryland@gmail.com



RSVP for the event [here](#)



## Join Us For Our Monthly Meeting



Monday, November 17, 2025

More Details to Follow!

✉ wdlfrederick@gmail.com  
www.WDLFrederick.com  
☎ 240-356-8307

Program: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Frederick Democrats' Office  
located at 8 West 5th Street  
Street parking is .available



### Editor's Corner

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**Banner Newsletter Ideas?**  
Send me an email with your ideas, materials, or feedback for consideration.

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### Re-Election Kickoff Brunch.

Please join me as I announce my re-election campaign. In my third term I will continue to make healthcare affordable, streamline state procurement and promote small businesses, and improve the lives of veterans and working families.

You are all invited to attend. Please contribute if you can, I know, between DOGE and the Shutdown, a lot of people are not currently in a good financial situation. Whether you can contribute or not, you are welcome—  
RSVP to [delegatkerr@gmail.com](mailto:delegatkerr@gmail.com) for an accurate food count.

Checks can be Mailed to:  
Friends of Ken Kerr  
PO Box 1272  
Frederick MD 21702

Or Contribute Online:  
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/brunch25>

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Please join the Frederick County Democratic Party at a special event to honor our 2025 Beverly B. Byron

Award recipient - **Yvette Lewis**

(DNC Member, Senior Policy Advisor for Special Projects for Senator Angela Alsobrooks, and former Maryland Democratic Party Chair)



Monday, December 1, 2025

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Dutch's Daughter, 581 Himes Avenue, Frederick

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres / Cash Bar

Scan the QR code for tickets, sponsorships, & ad details, and/or see the back of this invitation.



By Authority: FCDCC, McCamie Patterson, Treasurer

- Gold Sponsor: \$1000 - Eight tickets + Full-page ad in the program book + Event recognition
- Silver Sponsor: \$600 - Four tickets + Full-page ad in the program book + Event recognition
- Bronze Sponsor: \$350 - Two tickets + Full-page ad in the program book + Event recognition
- General Admission: \$85 pp (\$75 for Club Blue Members)
- Young Professional: \$55 pp (Age 18-40)
- Full-page Ad a la carte: \$125 (Size: 5 1/2 x 8 1/2)
- Patron: \$30 (Name listed on patron's page in the program book)

Sponsorship/ticket/ad/patron donations may be paid online by scanning the QR code or frederickdemocrats.org. Or mail a check payable to FCDCC, PO Box 793, Frederick, MD 21705. Please write "Byron Event 2025" on check's memo line.

The deadline for sponsorships, tickets, and other payments is Monday, November 17. Please send the camera-ready art to Deb Reynolds at dndreynolds@verizon.net.

Contacts

Mari Lee 240.415.8077 ~ Deb Reynolds 240.626.9498



Note: This award will be given annually to a female Democrat who has demonstrated over a period of years a commitment to the Democratic Party and particularly to the empowerment of Democratic women to serve in elected office.

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**Beverly Byron Awards**

**2025 Recipient - Yvette Lewis, Former President Maryland Democratic Party**

Pay Online [Here](#). Or mail a check payable to FCDCC, PO Box 793, Frederick, MD 21705.

Please write "Byron Event 2025" on the check's memo line.

**RENEE KNAPP**  
County Council At-Large

JOIN US FOR OUR FALL FUNDRAISER!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025  
6:00-8:00PM

**BREWER'S ALLEY**  
124 N. MARKET ST  
FREDERICK, MD 21701

**TICKETS**  
FRIEND: \$100 | SPONSOR: \$250  
CO-HOST: \$500 | HOST: \$1000

Donate at [www.knapp4countycouncil.com](http://www.knapp4countycouncil.com)  
or send checks payable to:  
Friends of Renee Knapp  
PO Box 43  
Adamstown, MD 21710

BY AUTHORITY: FRIENDS OF RENEE KNAPP, CHRISTOPHER KNAPP, TREASURER

**Brooke Lierman**  
Maryland **COMPTROLLER**

**Brooke Lierman's Four More Tour Comes to Frederick!**

**Brooke Lierman**  
Maryland **COMPTROLLER**

JOIN BROOKE TO KICK OFF HER RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND HELP HER SERVE **FOUR MORE YEARS!**

**the FOUR MORE TOUR**  
FOUR MORE IN FREDERICK!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
1:00 PM HOSTS RECEPTION  
2:00 PM GENERAL RECEPTION  
VISITATION HOTEL  
211 E. CHURCH STREET  
FREDERICK, MD

**HOST COMMITTEE -**  
Brooke Lierman  
Elizabeth Conroy  
Christina G. Conroy  
Ann & Don DeGardis  
Cynthia Dwyer  
Melanie Gallagher  
Michelle Gorman  
Nancy G. Hartman  
Tara & James Harrell  
Heather Haring  
Dr. Tom Lane Beck  
Larissa M. Sauerborn  
Michelle Surrig  
Nancy Stronzo  
Kathleen Tompkins

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO RSVP -**  
[BROOKELIERMAN.COM/FOURMOREINFREDERICK](http://BROOKELIERMAN.COM/FOURMOREINFREDERICK)

Brooke Lierman is hitting the road with her Four More Tour, a series of events across Maryland to celebrate her first term and share her vision for the years ahead. We're excited that one of her stops will be right here in Frederick on Saturday, November 2, at the Visitation Hotel.

Please join us on November 2 to welcome Comptroller Lierman, celebrate Frederick, and be part of this exciting campaign for Four More Years. Together, we can continue to make progress for Frederick and for Maryland.

By Authority Brooke Lierman for Maryland, Candace Dodson-Reed, Treasurer.

Donate for event [here](#)



Bob Kresslein, Member, Democratic National Committee

**Democrats Stand with America’s Farmers Amid Devastating Trade War**

Governor Tim Walz, U.S. Representative Sharice Davids, DNC Deputy Executive Director Libby Schneider, and Illinois soybean farmer John Bartman of Bartman Family Farms recently held a press call to highlight the impacts of Trump’s reckless trade war on the economy and American farmers, and his “America Last” bailout for Argentina’s economy.

Speakers discussed Trump’s trade war, which has already resulted in family farms going bankrupt at the fastest pace in five years and record-high farm debt. As American farmers struggle, Trump is bailing out Argentina’s economy while Argentina undercuts U.S. farmers in the global marketplace. Now, the White House is weighing a bailout for American farmers — but today’s speakers were clear: Farmers don’t want a handout — they want their markets back. If Trump really wanted to help America’s farmers, he would reverse his disastrous trade war — but instead, he’s escalating it further by threatening 130% tariffs on China.

“Farmers are folks that feed, fuel, and clothe the world. They will compete in global markets and have because we produce better products at prices that keep American food prices down. All of those things are at threat because of Donald Trump’s ego,” said Governor Tim Walz. “It’s the undermining of the rural economy in general — not just our farmers, but our hospitals. The Medicaid cuts are going to disproportionately hit rural and critical access hospitals more than ever. The undermining of the Department of Education and funding for education is undermining rural schools, which give children the opportunity to succeed in all corners of this country. Everything Donald Trump does is transactional, and unfortunately, that transaction needs to benefit him or him personally.”

“Farmers want to farm. They want to do their jobs without worrying about whether they can pay their bills, whether they can meet their obligations at the end of the year,” said U.S. Representative Sharice Davids. “This chaotic tariff policy is creating so much uncertainty for our producers, and we have seen this before. During his first term, the President’s trade war caused our farmers to lose \$27 billion in exports, and unfortunately, history is repeating itself, and American farmers are caught in the middle. We can absolutely compete with China without punishing the hardworking folks who put food on our tables.”

“Trump wants to give farmers a bailout. A bailout is like putting a Band-Aid on a bullet wound. Government bailouts do not make up for our loss of income. We don’t want a bailout. We want markets for our crops. We want to be able to work hard every year and enjoy the fruits of our labor and know that we did it on our own,” said Illinois corn and soybean farmer John Bartman of Bartman Family Farms. “Who is benefiting from this trade war? Well, that’s an easy answer. South America is benefiting. Trump just gave \$20 billion to Argentina, and they lowered their export tax. China then immediately bought 7 million tons of their soybeans. 7 million tons. I can’t even fathom that. MAGA now means ‘Make Argentina Great Again.’”

“This is a one-two punch for folks. The first punch is the loss of markets, maybe forever for farmers, and then the President handing \$20 billion and soybean markets to Argentina,” said DNC Deputy Executive Director Libby Schneider. “Imagine if you’re sitting on a farm in Illinois or Kansas or Minnesota or North Dakota, and you hear that? It doesn’t matter who you voted for — that is a finger in the eye and it is just an absolute insult.”

Please join Paul Fulcher & Alejandro Maurosa and John Funderburk Host Committee: Kai Hagen, Russ Hodge, and Cynthia Scott-Johnson for Congresswoman April McClain Delaney’s Annual Beer & Barbecue Party Wednesday, November 5, 2025 5:30PM - 7:30PM Frederick, MD Location available upon RSVP



Contribution Levels: Sponsor- \$250 | Host - \$100 | Attendee - \$50 Please RSVP to Jessica Brazeau or Jennifer Frost at (714) 299-1570 or brazeau@frostgroupdc.com https://secure.actblue.com/donate/amd-11.5.25

Checks made payable to: April McClain Delaney for Congress 860 Pennsylvania Ave SE #202 Washington, DC 20003



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Please bring a canned food item to the party!

FREDERICK CITY ELECTION NIGHT PARTY WATCH PARTY

Your Hosts: Mayor Michael O'Connor Frederick County Democrats

Frederick Social 50 Citizens Way Small bites & Cash Bar

04 November 2025 8:00-11:00pm QR rsvp is suggested




Authority: By Authority, Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDC), McCarrie Patterson, Treasurer

**CLUBBLUE**  
FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS

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!



**Daylight saving time ends tonight!**

Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed.

November 2025 At-a-Glance



**United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

Café 611, 611 North Frederick Street, Frederick

**Election Day Watch Party**

**Tuesday, November 4 at 8:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.**

Frederick Social, 50 Citizens Way, Frederick

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

**Saturday, November 8 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

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

**Saturday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m.**

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

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

**Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

**Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Frederick County Democratic Party**

**Beverly B. Byron Award Event**

**Recipient: Yvette Lewis**

**Monday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m.**

Dutch’s Daughter, 584 Himes Avenue, 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  
Nathan Foltz  
David 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.



**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

**COMPTROLLER**

Brooke Lierman

**MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Anthony Brown

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – DISTRICT 6**

George Gluck  
Daniel Krakower  
April McClain Delaney  
Ethan Wechtaluk

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES – DISTRICT 3**

Kris Fair  
Ken Kerr  
Karen Simpson

**SENATOR – DISTRICT 4**

Lara Westdorp

**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  
Natasha Valencia

**COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 5**

Johnny Mercer

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

1<sup>st</sup> row: 1<sup>st</sup> 2 photos: First Saturday | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Unity Rally | Next 4: City of Frederick Get Out The Vote (GOTV) canvassing  
 2<sup>nd</sup> row – City Nominees Event | Next 2 – Jerry Donald for Delegate D4 | Next 2 – Jenn Alcorn for Council D1 | Next: 2 Jessica Fitzwater for County Exec



3<sup>rd</sup> row: Trustees' Lunch w/LG Miller | Next 2 – Cong. April McClain Delaney event | Next 2 – Michael O'Connor for Mayor event | Next 2 - Plow-Fish w/Attorney General Anthony Brown | 4<sup>th</sup> row – 4 photos: No Kings Rally in Middletown | Next 3 – No Kings Rally in Frederick



5<sup>th</sup> & Remaining Rows – All are random photos from No Kings Rally in Frederick



A few pics from the Frederick No Kings Rally are credited to: George Cassutto, Renee Bourassa, & Kai Hagen.

