



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

In April, we co-hosted our first-ever *Sine Die* Reception with the Central Committees from Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County. It was a huge success with hundreds of people attending, including Maryland's First Lady Dawn Moore, Congressman Johnny Olszewski, Comptroller Brooke Lierman, Maryland Democratic Party Chair Steuart Pittman and Vice Chair Dr. Charlene Dukes, County Executives Jessica Fitzwater and Marc Ehrlich, Delegate Kris Fair, Mayor Michael O'Connor, and many other officials from across the state. Several other legislators wanted to attend, but were still hard at work in session. We're already looking forward to next year's reception.

We also held our Annual Frederick County Democratic Party, which was also a rousing success. Thank you to our sponsors, ticketholders, advertisers, and guests who joined and/or supported this event. And a hearty thanks to Special Guest

Malcolm Kenyatta, DNC Vice Chair & PA State Rep, who gave us the fiery talk we needed. We also thank County Executive Jessica Fitzwater, Delegate Ken Kerr, and MDP Vice Chair Dr. Dukes for offering welcome remarks, Amanda Stone-Gines for the Invocation, George Cassutto for taking photos, and Dutch's Daughter for their hospitality. Our Vice Chair, Deb Reynolds, gave a toast quoting "The Boss," and City Council Member Derek Shackelford shared real talk, too!

That evening, we recognized our four award honorees. Congratulations: 1) Outstanding Democrat - Mary Anne Ford; 2) Stephen A LeRoux Legacy Award - Carleah Summers; 3) Rising Star - Tatiana Santos; and 4) Outstanding Volunteer - Mike Reid. This was an event we'll surely remember!

Last month, we also attended campaign events for three of our four candidates for Judge of Orphans' Court: Shuan Butcher, Lois Jarman, and Susan Reeder Jessee; Maria Carrasco for Board of Ed, Sam Newhouse for County Council At-Large, and Jenn Alcorn for Council District 1. We also tabled at the Holi Festival in Urbana and hosted a meet-and-greet for candidates.

Tomorrow (May 2), we will host our final meet-and-greet, featuring all local Democratic candidates* who will appear on the June 23 primary ballot in County Council Districts 3 and 4. Christian Benford and Natasha Valencia, both council candidates in District 3, are attending, and Kavonte (uncontested in District 4) will also attend. We expect other candidates to

participate, as well. We'll be in the C. Burr Artz Library Community Room, 110 E Patrick Street, Frederick.

This month, we will also co-host two forums with the local Democratic clubs. The first is Monday, May 18, for Democratic candidates for County Council District 1, at 6:30 PM, at the Middletown Library, 31 E Green Street, and the other is for Democratic Candidates for House of Delegates, District 4, at 6:30 PM, at the Walkersville Auxiliary Building, near the Fire Department, 79 W Frederick Street. Both forums are being led by the Women's Democratic League.

Join us on Saturday, May 30, from 10 AM – 11 AM, at our Democratic HQ for coffee and donuts at our Volunteer "Spring Into Action" event to learn about our volunteer activities, meet fellow volunteers, and get to know us. Just after that, we're hosting a "Voter Registration Day of Action" Canvass in conjunction with other Democratic Central Committees. We'll be knocking on doors in designated areas to meet and chat with voters. We ask for your help. Meet at our local HQ at 11:15 AM to receive instructions, a brief tutorial (if needed), and materials. Sign up for our Day of Action Canvass [here](#).

In other news, I want to remind you of the 2026 Western Maryland Democratic Summit next weekend, on Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9, at Hub City Vinyl in Hagerstown. The Summit features appearances by Maryland's Democratic Party leadership and elected officials; valuable workshops and exhibits on

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topics of interest to activists, candidates, and political junkies; and networking opportunities that have established the Summit's reputation as a signature event in Maryland politics. You can get tickets [here](#).

Are you ready to vote in Maryland's upcoming primary election on June 23? If not, take a few minutes to learn more and register [here](#). Your preferred candidates are counting on your vote to help them move on to November's general election. You will find a complete list of Democratic candidates running for all offices up and down the ballot toward the end of this newsletter.

Unaffiliated voters – you are eligible to vote for the Board of Education contest in the primary. We encourage you and our Democratic voters to specifically get to know our [Democratic candidates](#) who will help protect against hate and extremism. We can't lose even one seat in November. If we do, the balance of power shifts to extremists.

Our local HQ is a collection site for a feminine hygiene drive this month. Local group Dems Help will distribute these items to community organizations. You can drop off donations at our HQ during our new hours: Thursdays from 5 to 7 PM, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 AM to 2 PM. We cannot accept monetary donations, and neither Dems Help nor the Central Committee will provide a tax-deductible receipt.

Join us at our next Central Committee meeting on May 19, at 6:30 PM, at our Democratic HQ, 8 West 5th Street, Frederick. Come share your thoughts and/or listen in as we discuss our business and activities.



Tom Slater, Frederick County Democratic Party Historian

Maryland Democrats in the 19th Century and the beginning of the 20th century.

Last week, I provided a brief, selective history of the Democratic Party. This month, in my ongoing attempt to highlight the history of the Maryland and Frederick County Democratic Party, I will discuss, in very general terms, the early history of the Party in Maryland and Frederick before, in future columns, I discuss, in depth, the Party's past.

I will note that nothing I write is definitive. Everything is preliminary, as I search and search for more information. I can only report what I know and what I discover, but please understand that what I don't know far exceeds what I know. Almost every day, I spend hours in my basement office reviewing all the materials, especially newspaper clippings that I have accumulated over the years or that people have given to me. For example, in the last month or so, I have been reading the 1940-41 online edition of the Maryland Manual, particularly examining Maryland, county by county, results of the 1938 election, and trying to find obituaries for those who were candidates. It is tedious, but rewarding and informative work.

Wes Moore is Maryland's 63rd governor. Thomas Johnson, born in Calvert County but later a resident of Frederick County, was a Federalist, Maryland's first non-colonial governor (1777-79), a lawyer, delegate to the

Continental Congress, commander of the Maryland militia, member of the Maryland General Assembly, a businessman (he and his brothers established Catoctin Furnace in 1774), a federal judge and a United States Supreme Court judge (he served less than two years due to poor health). Maryland's second non-colonial governor (1792-1794) also had a connection to Frederick County. Thomas Sim Lee was born in Prince George's County, held local office, and owned many town lots in Georgetown, but spent the final decades of his life operating "Needwood" plantation in Frederick County. "Needwood" plantation was located in Knoxville, near Brunswick on Lee's Lane. Francis Thomas, Maryland's 26th Governor (1842-45) was born in Frederick near South Mountain, but practiced law in Garrett County. He served in the Maryland General Assembly, the U.S. House of Representatives (representing the 6th Congressional District), was the Collector of Internal Revenue for Maryland, and was Minister to Peru, appointed by President Grant. At various times, he was a member of the Unionist, Unconditional Unionist, and Republican parties. He died at age 76 when he was struck by a locomotive while overseeing improvements on his estate near Frankville, Maryland. According to Wikipedia, the last Maryland Governor who was born in or lived in Frederick County was Enoch Louis Lowe, Maryland's 29th governor (1851-54). Lowe was born in the manor-house of "The Hermitage" on the Monocacy River, Frederick County, the grounds of which are currently within the boundaries of Monocacy National Battlefield. He was married to a cousin of President James K. Polk and served in the Maryland House of Delegates representing Frederick County. He practiced law in Frederick County. A Democrat, he supported the Confederacy during the Civil War and was known as the greatest stump

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speaker of his day. About 2/3 of Maryland's governors considered themselves Democrats in some form or another.

Herbert C. Smith and John T. Willis, in their book "Maryland Politics and Government – Democratic Dominance," which I use as a primary source for this column, provide a concise history of Maryland politics. As I discussed in my column last month, the Democratic Party, first associated with President Andrew Jackson, is the oldest continually existing party in the United States. In addition to Roger Brooke Taney and Francis Preston Blair, Sr., one of the early Maryland supporters of the Democratic Party was Samuel Smith. Smith was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Baltimore. He served in the Continental Army, was a major general in the Maryland militia during the War of 1812, and served in the Maryland General Assembly, the U.S. House of Representatives, and as a United States Senator representing Maryland. Smith died in 1839.

Before 1920, numerous presidents or soon-to-be presidents visited Frederick County. Andrew Jackson, on his way to his inauguration as president of the United States on February 9, 1829, spent the night at Talbott's Tavern in Frederick. At that time, Roger Brooke Taney was serving as Attorney General of Maryland. It is unknown if Taney, a strong supporter of Jackson, was in Frederick when Jackson spent the night in Frederick and whether they met at that time. Other presidents who visited Frederick during the 19th Century include, but may not be limited to: Whig William Henry Harrison stayed at the Dorsey City Hotel in February 1840 on his way to his inauguration and short-lived presidency, Republican Abraham Lincoln stopped to visit a wounded Union general at a Record Street home and later spoke to a crowd at the train station in October 1862, and Republican President U.S. Grant visited the Great Frederick Fair in 1870 as did

Republican President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1877. U.S. Secretary of State and three-time Democratic candidate for president, William Jennings Bryan, spoke at a mass meeting at the Frederick City Opera House on December 4, 1912. He was introduced by Frederick Democratic chairman E. Austin Baughman and Mount Saint Mary's College professor Ernest Lagarde. Hundreds of people were turned away as the line formed outside the Opera House for blocks.

Before the Jacksonian Era, most Maryland politicians reflected a privileged culture and often were associated with the planter class. After the establishment of the Democratic Party, Maryland political leaders tended to be younger and less wealthy and often from the City of Baltimore. Politics was a "means of social ascent and a course of economic betterment." In fact, Baltimore was often referred to as "Mob Town" for its "corrupt and often coercive political practices." Despite Democratic dominance in Maryland politics in the 19th Century, first the Whigs, then the Know-Nothing Party, and finally the Republican Party provided stiff competition for the Democrats in Maryland. Maryland adopted a new state constitution in 1851 which significantly expanded voter participation in state and local government. The new constitution provided for the election of many more local offices than had been the case before, including judges, and decreased the power of the governor. These reforms caused the growth in power of local Democratic political organizations.

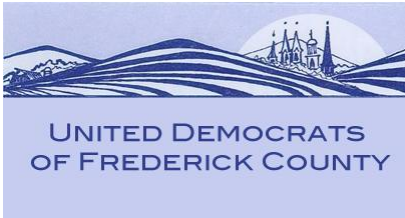
After the Civil War, the Maryland Democratic Party seemed "entrenched and impregnable" and was dominated by what became known as the Rasin-Gorman "machine." I. Freeman Rasin "knew everything and everybody," could deliver the votes when needed, gave only one political speech in his forty years in politics, and was the undisputed "boss" of Baltimore City, where most of Maryland's votes were.

Arthur Pue Gorman was from Howard County and "played on a larger stage" than Rasin, but the combination of Rasin and Gorman was a powerful mix. My column in the October 2025 Banner provides a detailed account of the fascinating life of Arthur Pue Gorman, whose primary political power stemmed from his service as a U.S. Senator representing Maryland in the latter half of the 19th Century. The post-Civil War Maryland Democratic Party, under the leadership of Rasin and Gorman, was relatively conservative and not very receptive to minority voters. Gorman died in 1906, and Rasin died in 1907.

During the Progressive Era (1890s-1920), some Democrats in Maryland rebelled against the conservatism and bossism of the Rasin-Gorman machine, but the real benefit of the Progressive Era was the Republican Party. The first Republican governor in Maryland history, Lloyd Lowndes, a banker from Allegany County, was elected in 1895. As Willis and Smith report, "from 1896 through 1928 Maryland voters supported the Republican presidential candidate in seven out of nine elections. They won three of the seven direct elections of U.S. Senators and nearly broke even in the U.S. House of Representatives, capturing forty-eight of the 102 congressional elections. However, at the state level Republicans remained a distinct minority. Two Republican governors were elected in 1895 and 1911, but only the 1898 session of the Maryland General Assembly had Republican majorities in the House of Delegates and State Senate. The Republicans were generally the party most associated with reform and progressive measures; for example, they supported women's suffrage in contrast to Maryland's Democratic leadership, which considered female political participation as mostly a "nuisance."

Next month, I will report on the Maryland and Frederick Democratic parties in the 1920s and 1930s.





**UNITED DEMOCRATS OF
FREDERICK COUNTY**

Dear United Democrats and Friends,

At our April meeting, we held a “Double Forum” at the C. Burr Artz Library. The first forum featured the two Democratic candidates running for County Council District 3: Christian Benford and Natasha Valencia. The second forum featured the three Democratic candidates for Frederick County Sheriff: Karl Bickel, Jason Ciemielewski, and Tony Lawson. Both events were well attended.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 4, at 7 PM, also at the C. Burr Artz Library Community Room, 110 E. Patrick Street, Frederick. After a brief business meeting, we will have a two-part program: 1) A Meet-and-greet with Democratic candidates for Judge of the Orphans’ Court, and 2) A Conversation with Gayon Sampson.

Looking forward to having you join us, and to meet with and support these candidates, and Gayon!

- Mari Lee on behalf of Maureen Grayzeck , President, UDFC



**SOUTH FREDERICK COUNTY
DEMOCRATS**

The monthly meeting of the South Frederick County Democratic Club (South County Dems) will be May 16, 9:30 – 11:00 AM at the Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Road, Frederick. Our speakers are the Democratic candidates for Sheriff of Frederick County and the President of the Frederick County Young Democrats. Karl Bickel, Jason Ciemielewski, and Tony Lawson will outline their candidacies and respond to questions from Club members. Madison Merzke will provide an overview of the Frederick County Young Democrats organization and describe its outreach activities.

The entrance to Bar T Mountainside is marked by a large “Mountainside” sign. Signs at the entrance and along the driveway will direct you to the building where we meet. To assist with planning, we request that you let us know you are attending by completing this short form:

<https://forms.gle/4GuJ5VFHUviF81jw5>

Feel free to invite your like-minded friends to join us. If you have questions, please contact South County Dems President, Melanie Galloway, at danmelgalloway@verizon.net, Vice President Annette Breiling at Annette.breiling@gmail.com, or Program Committee Chair Gary Bauleke at gdbauleke@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing you on May 16!



**Jenn Alcorn, Candidate for
Frederick County Council, District 1**

My name is Jenn Alcorn, and Frederick County is more than just my home. I care deeply about this community. I’ve seen how county decisions affect working families, farmers, small business owners, and our most vulnerable neighbors. That’s what brought me to this race, and it’s what will keep me accountable when I’m elected.

Our county is growing and changing, and District 1 deserves a representative who shows up, listens, and works with others to get things done. My campaign focuses on five priorities I hear about from neighbors every day:

Human Services: connecting residents with the support they need, when they need it. **Agriculture:** protecting our farming heritage and the families who sustain it. **Economic Growth:** building a local economy with opportunity for everyone. **Education:** investing in the schools and programs that prepare our children and workforce. **Transparency and Civic Engagement:** earning public trust through open, accountable government.

I’m not interested in politics as usual. I care about getting real results for every part of this district.

If you want to learn more or get involved, visit jennalcorn.com or follow my campaign on social media.





Shelly Beaird-Francois, Candidate for Frederick County Council, District 2

I am a community advocate and candidate for Frederick County Council, District 2. I have lived in District 2 with my family for more than 22 years and bring a lifelong commitment to service, equity, and effective leadership. I am running to strengthen Frederick County and expand opportunities for families, seniors, and future generations.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Biological Oceanography from the City College of New York and a Master of Arts in Business and Policy Studies from Empire State University. My professional background spans both the private sector and organized labor, including work with Marvel Comics, NEA Member Benefits, and Union Privilege. I am a trusted problem-solver with experience negotiating contracts, advocating for workers, and serving constituents.

As a dedicated civic leader, I have served as President of the Women’s Democratic League of Frederick County and currently serve on its Board of Directors. I was elected to the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee in 2022, where I continue to support candidates and strengthen the local Democratic Party.

Across every role I’ve held, one principle has remained constant: service to people. Building strong relationships with constituents and addressing community needs have been at the core of my work, and I am dedicated to bringing that same

energy, dedication, and responsiveness to the County Council. I am committed to listening, leading, and working collaboratively to deliver real results that meet the needs of our community. Go to www.Shelly4Frederick.com for more information or if you would like to donate.



Natasha Valencia, Candidate for Frederick County Council, District 3

I am a lifelong Frederick resident, business consultant, nonprofit co-founder and community advocate running for County Council District 3.

As a mother of four, my work has always centered around supporting families and strengthening our community. I am the co-founder of Artspiration Frederick, a nonprofit focused on developing a community arts space that brings people together through creativity, education, and shared experiences. This effort has involved collaboration with local organizations, artists, and residents to expand access to the arts.

Professionally, I am a business consultant, where I work with entrepreneurs and small businesses. Prior to this, I owned a local bakery, where I connected with many families across Frederick County and supported community initiatives, including providing free cupcakes to students in Frederick County Public Schools.

I have served on the City of Frederick’s Planning Commission and Education Commission, contributing to discussions on growth, student impact, and community planning. These roles have provided insight into how local government decisions affect residents’ daily lives.

My campaign is actively engaging with the community through canvassing, neighborhood conversations, and local events. I look forward to continuing to connect with residents across District 3.

For more information, visit: natashavalencia.com.

Thank you, Natasha



Sam Newhouse, Candidate for Frederick County Council At-Large

Hello, my name is Sam Newhouse, and I’m running for Frederick County Council, for one of the two At-Large seats.

I am running for County Council to represent the residents of Frederick County who demand smarter growth, proper planning, environmental justice and a transparent government.

I’m running for office because I was moved by the extensive testimony from residents. I will work with local

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community members, communities, and non-profits to plan and execute development towards a more sustainable future.

We need council members that value environmental justice and ecological sustainability. Frederick County deserves transit and properly funded schools, and walkable communities. Frederick County deserves representation that prioritizes residents and people over corporations.

I grew up in New Market, Frederick County, Maryland, and my parents taught for a cumulative 48 years in our Frederick County Public Schools.

After high-school, I studied Film and Communications and Penn State, and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve as a LAV Crewman; attending monthly training at Fort Detrick.

I served a 6 year reserve contract with the United States Marine Corps, and demonstrated diligence and attention to detail. I worked at WPSU and was awarded 2 Emmy's. I worked at Morris Habitat for Humanity, and learned how affordable housing changes lives.

From January to March of this year, I helped organize and train more than 300 volunteers to collect more than 22,000 signatures for a referendum petition on the County Council's Data Center Overlay Zone.

Don't forget to vote June 23rd!



Susan Jessee, Candidate for Judge of the Orphan's Court

As a lifelong resident of Frederick County, I have a deep desire to serve the citizens of Frederick County and feel I have the background to serve as an Orphans' Court Judge with compassion, integrity, and common sense.

Working in a regulated environment my entire career, I followed laws for compliance and safety. I also have knowledge in estate planning ensuring wills are followed, assets are properly distributed, and fiduciary actions are appropriate. I will work with everyone in a civil and professional manner, and the citizens of Frederick County deserve judges that do that.

I am a proud graduate of the Gov. Thomas Johnson HS and received a bachelor's degree and MBA from Hood College. My professional background includes working initially as a scientist and then spent the next 25+ years on the business side of science. I retired from working for the military in support of military health.

I have been married to Lawrence Jessee for 41 years, have two children Matthew and Emily and live in Middletown. I had great role models growing up with both my parents dedicated to public service. I served on the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board, the Friends of Meals on Wheels Board, the Frederick Innovative Technology Center board, and client selection committee. I volunteered in many roles while my kids were in school as any proud mom would do.

I will bring my passion for listening, and understanding of the law, to the court as an Orphans' Court Judge.



Nathan Foltz, Candidate for the Board of Education

BOE candidate Nathan Foltz. My vision is one of inclusion, access, and student uplifting and inspiration. Having a 53 credit MA degree in Special ED Autism and worked PreK to grade 12, even in Alternative Ed, I believe Administrators need a knowledge of SPED protocol and not rely on politics in decision making with Teachers or students. The Special Ed students are allowed access to General Education curriculum by Federal law. I am a FCPS product and grew up in Middletown, but live in Frederick with my aunt, since my father passed away in 2001. I played football, and was coached by Tim Ambrose, and got help coaching when he was at MHS.



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.

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

Hope you enjoyed reading!

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EMERGE
MARYLAND

Women on the Rise, Women Winning

With special guests
 Congresswoman April Delaney, Delegate and Speaker of the House Joseline Peña-Melnyk and Emerge America CEO and President A'shanti Gholar

Wednesday, May 6th, 2026 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Join Emerge Maryland as we celebrate Women on the Rise, Women Winning - Democratic women stepping up, breaking barriers, and shaping the future of our communities.

Address upon registration.
<https://bit.ly/emdspring2026>

MEET & GREET DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES
 FOR VOTERS IN COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS 3 & 4

SATURDAY, MAY 2
 NOON - 1:30 PM

C. BURR ARTZ LIBRARY
 COMMUNITY ROOM
 110 E. PATRICK STREET, FREDERICK

Talk with Democratic candidates on the June 23 primary election ballot in County Council Districts 3 & 4.

Come when you can, leave when you must.

Special Accommodations - Individuals requiring the services of an ASL interpreter should contact Frederick County Democrats at 240.288.1148, or info@frederickdemocrats.org no later than Monday, April 27. We will do our best to secure services, but cannot guarantee it.

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



YOU'RE INVITED TO
A Spring Celebration for Karen Lewis Young

Hats Off

Join us this spring for a special afternoon in support of Senator Karen Lewis Young and her re-election campaign. Celebrate with friends and community as we honor her leadership and look ahead to the work still to come.

Guests are encouraged to wear their favorite spring hats from classic to creative for an evening of style, conversation, and purpose.

SUNDAY
JUN 7
2026
3:30 - 6:00 PM

7th Sister Restaurant 228 North Market St, Frederick Md 21701

www.lewisyoungforsenate.com

Special Guest: Brooke E. Lierman, Comptroller of Maryland

RSVP by Jun 5th, 2026 with email address to
1.639.2155 or karenlewisyoung@gmail.com

___ Yes, I/we would like to attend at the following contribution level:

- ___ \$2500 Champion
- ___ \$1000 Supporter
- ___ \$500 Advocate
- ___ \$250 Friend
- ___ \$100 Guest

Donate Online



Sorry I can't attend but I would like to make a contribution of \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Make checks payable to: Friends of Karen Lewis Young
P.O. Box 3662, Frederick MD 21705 or donate at
www.lewisyoungforsenate.com



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Please RSVP [here](#) for Karen Lewis Young's event.

TOP 12 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

<p>Protecting Marylanders from Unconstitutional and Lawless Federal Enforcement</p> <p>SB1, 245, 246, 504, 504, 791, 792, 810, and HB1017</p>	<p>Holding Utility Companies Accountable and Lowering Energy Bills</p> <p>SB841</p>	<p>Increasing the Availability of Affordable Housing to Reduce Costs</p> <p>SB325, 829, and 937</p>
<p>Prohibiting Dynamic and Predatory Pricing</p> <p>SB387</p>	<p>Modernizing Maryland's Economy and Supporting Small Businesses</p> <p>SB389, 704, 707, 770, 908, 920, and HB894</p>	<p>Strengthening Unions and Maryland's Middle Class</p> <p>SB6, 28, 47, 448, 631, and HB141</p>
<p>Balancing the State's Budget While Investing in Maryland Values</p> <p>SB282, 283, and 284</p>	<p>Ensuring World Class Schools and Child Care for All Marylanders</p> <p>SB371, 745, HB528, 849, and 1521</p>	<p>Enhancing Public Safety and Minimizing Gun Violence</p> <p>SB160, 324, and 778</p>
<p>Creating a Criminal Justice System Focused on Rehabilitation and Accountability</p> <p>SB187, 323, and 483</p>	<p>Leading on Regulating Artificial Intelligence</p> <p>SB8, 141, 597, and 720</p>	<p>Bolstering Healthcare Despite Federal Attacks</p> <p>SB169, 276, 385, 471, and 521</p>



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Primary Election Day is coming up soon!
We need everyone's help to reach voters!

**** No prior experience needed! ****

- 4/26- Lansdale (Monrovia) 4 pm
- 5/9- Middletown 10 am
- 5/16- Thurmont 2 pm
- 5/23- Monocacy Village 10am
- 5/30- New Market 2 pm
- 6/6- Hillcrest 10 am
- 6/14- Adamstown 2 pm

For more details and to sign up ...

Sign up at aGoodDayForFrederick.com

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Lindsey Beck, Treasurer



Sunday, May 3
2PM
103 Linden Ave
Frederick

Special Guests
Madam Speaker
Joseline Peña-Melnik

Judiciary Chair
J. Sandy Bartlett

Tickets

Guest \$100
Sponsor \$500
Champion \$1000

bit.ly/Simpson26
Young Dem \$30

Friends of Karen Simpson
P.O. Box 1358
Frederick, MD 21702
301.244.9449
Karen4Maryland.com

Please sign up [here](#) for Karen Simpson's event.

May 2026 At-a-Glance



County Council, District 3 & 4 Meet & Greet

Saturday, May 2 at 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

C. Burr Artz Library, 110 E Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21704

United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting

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

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

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

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

Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E Main Street, Thurmont
(Please bring a non-perishable item for the area food bank.)

Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Democratic HQ, 8 West 5th Street, Frederick

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

Thursday, May 21 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This meeting is a meet-and-greet with Comptroller Brooke Lierman
at Artspiration, 915 Toll House Avenue, Frederick

Forum for Democratic Candidates for Council District 1

Monday, May 18, 6:30 – 7:30 PM | Doors open at 6 PM

Middletown Library, Green Street, Middletown

Forum for Democratic Candidates for Delegates, District 4

Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-7:30 PM | Doors open at 6 PM

Walkersville Fire Auxiliary Bldg (near the Fire Hall)
79 W Frederick Street, Walkersville

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and

Frederick County Democrats

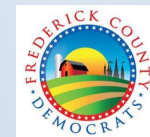
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The Frederick County Democratic Central Committee does not endorse Democratic candidates in any races that are contested in the primary election. We encourage you to get to know them and help the campaign of your choice in any way you see fit.



DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR THE 2026 COUNTY/STATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS

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.

CURRENT FILED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR

Wes Moore, Aruna Miller
Eric S. Felber, LaTrece Hawkins Lyte
Ralph Jaffe, Donald Palmore

COMPTROLLER (Uncontested)

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL (Uncontested)

Anthony Brown

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – DISTRICT 6 (Choose 1)

George Gluck
Alexis Goldstein
Daniel Krakower
April McClain Delaney
David J. Trone
Ethan P. Wechtaluk
Kiambo “Bo” White
A. Mark Wilks

STATE SENATOR - LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 3 (Uncontested)

Karen Lewis Young

STATE SENATOR - LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 4 (Uncontested)

Lara Westdorp

HOUSE OF DELEGATES – DISTRICT 3 (Choose 3)

Kris Fair
Ken Kerr
Karen Simpson

HOUSE OF DELEGATES – DISTRICT 4 (Choose 3)

Jerry Donald
Andrew Duck
Alleria Stanley
Paull Gilligan

COUNTY EXECUTIVE (Uncontested)

Jessica Fitzwater

COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE (Choose 2)

Tiffany Grant
Renee Knapp
Sam Newhouse
Brad Young

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 1 (Choose 1)

Jenn Alcorn
Louisa Conklin
Eric Smothers

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 2 (Choose 1)

Shelly Beaird-Francois
Jamie Shopland

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 3 (Choose 1)

Christian Benford
Natasha Valencia

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 4 (Uncontested)

Kavonte Duckett

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 5 (Uncontested)

Johnny Mercer

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT (Uncontested)

Megan LeRoux

REGISTER OF WILLS (Uncontested)

Chris Manners

JUDGE OF THE ORPHAN’S COURT (Choose 3)

Shuan Butcher
Lois Jarmon
Susan Jessee
Carter Lenz

SHERIFF (Choose 1)

Karl Bickel
Jason Cabel Ciemielewski
Tony Lawson

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**FILED CANDIDATES FOR DEMOCRATIC
CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN 2026
(All Uncontested)**

Andrew Burgoyne
Deborah Carter
Patricia Clements
Stephen A. Duckett
Taylor D. Elder
Milton Hallin
Bassant Kadry
Mari Lee
William White Tison Pugh
Deborah Reynolds
David Schmidt
Jessica Tuel

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

**(Only vote for a MAX of four, or none of
your votes for this race will count.)**

Maria Carrasco
Chloe Celeste
Casey Day
Jess Douglass
Nathan Foltz
Rae Gallagher
Dean Rose
Chad King Wilson, Sr.

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