

NEWSLETTER

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VOTING BY MAIL

GENERAL ELECTION 2020

DUE to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Democratic Club of Worcester County recommends that everyone vote using an absentee ballot. The following information comes from the Maryland State Board of Elections' guide *Voting in Maryland 2020*.

Absentee Voting: Eligibility - Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot, but you must request an absentee ballot.

Application Process: There are three (3) ways to register an absentee ballot.

* Request a ballot online. You must have a Maryland driver's license or an MVA-issued ID card. (If you have internet access, this approach is recommended. <http://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>)

* Request a ballot by mail, fax, or email from your local election office:

Worcester County
201 Belt Street, Suite C
Snow Hill, MD 21862-1310
Patricia Jackson, Election Director
410-632-1320
410-632-3031 (FAX)
<http://www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/elections>
Email address: PatriciaJackson@Maryland.gov

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A Message from Your President

Tom Butler, President, DCWC



Greetings fellow Democrats:

Club Events Update. With much nervousness of the pandemic, the Board has decided to cancel the Labor Day picnic. There was too much uncertainty that it could be done safely. As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, Our ways and Means chair Harriet Batis has arranged two flower sales to raise desperately needed club funds. The first this fall, the other in the spring. Also, plans are almost complete to hold an Election Day Victory Celebration at the Dunes Manor Hotel.

Maryland Democratic Party Platform: In the Maryland Democratic Party Platform (MDPP), there are ten areas of critical importance to our state and the nation. They are the Economy, Education, Employment, the Environment and the Climate Crisis, Governance and Voting, Healthcare, Housing, Infrastructure, Rights and Equity, and Rural and Agricultural Resources. This month I will go into depth on Healthcare.

Healthcare: Maryland's Democrats universally agree health care is a right for all, not a privilege for the few. There are over 30 healthcare issues partitioned into three subsections: health inequalities, health issues, and public health. Below are most, but not all of these issues.

HEALTH INEQUALITIES:

*We support the inclusion in Maryland of non-discrimination rules and laws to prevent medical providers and institutions from varying diagnoses and treatment based on race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion or creed, citizenship, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information, color, or national origin.

*Systemic inequalities cause a racial gap in income, wealth, and access to health insurance. These barriers adversely affect the level of care people of color receive. Addressing these inequalities will also help to reduce healthcare disparities.

*We must eliminate food deserts.

*We must call for increased research and the inclusion of racially and ethnically disaggregated health data.

*We encourage including black and brown doctors and scientists in research projects.

*We call for strong protection for undocumented immigrants in medical settings, and outreach to the immigrant communities to inform them of the policies in place to protect their health. Undocumented immigrants may avoid or delay seeking care due to fear of being detained or deported.

HEALTH ISSUES

Prescription Drugs:

*We must stop price gouging of medications and hold pharmaceutical companies accountable.

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*Essential, life-preserving medications must be available at affordable prices to all.

Rural Communities

*We call for investing resources in rural communities.

*Universal healthcare will address the shortcomings of rural healthcare systems imposed by medical insurance and low profitability for health service providers. This will improve medical outcomes, while also increasing the availability of health service providers.

Women's Health

*The MDP supports women's right to make reproductive healthcare decisions.

*The MDP strenuously objects to any medical professional or facility withholding medical services to any person on the basis of religious belief. Specifically a woman's right to control reproductive decisions may not be superseded by a medical provider's personal beliefs.

*We oppose gender discrimination in health care costs.

*Targeted health research involving women of all races and ethnicities is necessary.

Seniors and People with Disabilities

*We believe everyone has a right to care that respects their safety, health, and dignity, whether in an institutional, home, or community-based setting.

*We are committed to ending biases favoring institutional care over home- and community-based services for seniors and people with disabilities.

*We are committed to full public-funding for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

*We recognize the right of people with disabilities to make their own choices regarding their care.

Public Health

Current events have shown the critical importance of preparedness for public health.

Pandemic Preparedness:

*We support increased public health funding for planning, treatment and control of diseases that reach epidemic or pandemic proportions within Maryland.

*We support funding for businesses that manufacture, distribute, and stock essential medical equipment such as personal protective equipment.

Gun Violence

*We support strengthening Maryland's gun laws in order to reduce injuries, hospitalizations, trauma, and deaths due to gun violence. *[Continued on page 12.]*

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A copy of the Absentee Ballot Request Form is appended to the Newsletter. Fill out the form and mail to the above address.

*Go to your local election office to fill out and turn in the form.

2020 Presidential Election Absentee Request Deadline

*Tuesday, October 27, 2020, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or FAX.

*Friday, October 30, 2020, if you want to receive your ballot from the State's website.

[NOTE: If you miss the deadline and want to vote by absentee ballot, you must apply in person at your local election office by 8 pm election day.]

Once the local election office processes your application and deems you qualified, your ballot will be issued to you. You may choose to have your election office mail or FAX your ballot to you, or you can download your ballot from the State's website. Ballots are sent or posted to the website about 3 weeks before the election. If you want to download your ballot, an email will be sent to you when your ballot is ready. The email will include a link where you can print your ballot and instructions.

Voting Process

With your absentee ballot, you will receive detailed instructions on how to complete the ballot. Please read these instructions and return the voted ballot to your local election office promptly.

*If you hand deliver the voted absentee ballot to your local office, you must deliver it by 8 pm Election Day, November 3, 2020.

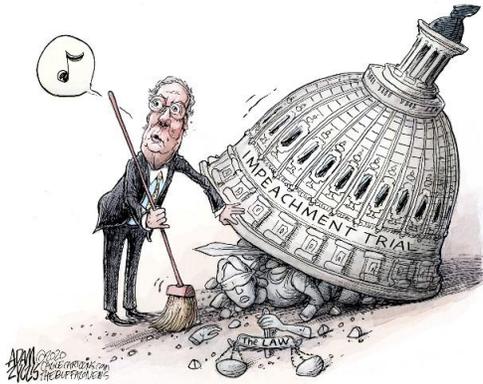
* If you hand deliver your voted absentee ballot to an early voting center or polling place, you must deliver it before center closing at 8 pm Thursday, October 22 - Thursday, October 29, 2020.

*If you mail your absentee ballot, the envelop must be postmarked on or before Election Day, November 3, 2020, and received by your local election office by 10 am on Friday, November 13, 2020

Ballots sent by mail must have a postmark on or before Election Day. On ballots sent by mail, you must sign the absentee oath and put postage on the envelop. The envelop requires two (2) stamps.

You CANNOT submit your voted ballot online, return it by email or FAX.

SENATE RACES THAT DESERVE SUPPORT by Frank Fox



Amy McGrath to unseat 5 term Mitch McConnell

Amy McGrath, 45, is a former Marine fighter pilot with 20 years of service in the Marine Corps,. She is a Naval Academy and Georgetown University graduate.

<https://amymcgrath.com/>
P.O. Box 95, Lexington, KY 40588



Jaime Harrison running against 4 term Lindsey Graham

Jaime R. Harrison, 44, is a Yale and Georgetown Law graduate running against incumbent senator Lindsey Graham for the South Carolina U.S. Senate seat.

<https://jaimeharrison.com/about/>



Sara Gideon is running to unseat Susan Collins

Sara Gideon, 48, a George Washington University graduate is serving as the Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives.

In a January Morning Consult poll, Collins displaced Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) as the nation's least popular senator, with a disapproval rating of 52% in Maine.

Sara Gideon for Maine, P.O. Box 812, Freeport, Maine 04078

Although most of us political junkies form opinions about high-profile politicians, we don't get involved in out-of-state Congressional races. I have recently formed an opinion that there are key races that need my monetary support to make a difference in

2020. Kicking out congressional incompetence is crucial to our country's survival. Longtime senators McConnell, Graham, and Collins must be defeated and put in the dust heap of history. - Frank Fox

Barbara Bollier running for retiring Pat Roberts seat

Ex-Republican moderate Kansas State Senator who endorsed Democrat Laura Kelly's winning run for Governor in 2018 is dismayed by a dire tax-cutting experiment by a prior Republican governor and jumped parties. She could end Democrats 88-year long losing streak for US Senate seat from Kansas.

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THIS IS NOT OUR FATHERS' REPUBLICAN PARTY

By Tom Weiland

Those of us who are at a certain age, can fondly remember many Republican leaders who stood in defense of our country through well-considered and intelligent principles. Though not always correct, they still had principles. There was concern for the deficit, for protecting our national defense with our allies, a desire to protect the environment, and even love of the rule of law. The likes of Nelson Rockefeller, Gerald Ford, and even the Eastern Shore's own congressman Rogers C. B. Morton were excellent representatives of a truly American Republican Party. Loyalty to the nation came before loyalty to the Party or to one individual. There could be bipartisanship among us. And the tax rate for the wealthy was over 70 percent during Republican administrations.

One other fine Republican was President Dwight D. Eisenhower. This thoughtful and competent person became president because people trusted him to be thoughtful. He represented intelligent, competent leadership, having led our nation in a world war. I think one of his guiding principles would be useful today for all of us, Republican and Democrat, to study and remember. That principle revolves around two words, **urgent** and **important**, and involves the use of "time management." Other writers, more intelligent than I, can give you more detail, but suffice it to say that these are the highlights. Situations can be one of four things:

1. An action or issue is important AND urgent.
2. An action or issue is important but NOT urgent.
3. An action or issue is urgent but NOT important.
4. An action or issue is NOT urgent and NOT important.

If these principles/judgments helped guide General Eisenhower to lead the world to defeat a threat to freedom, perhaps we can use them today. We have a world-wide pandemic, a nuclear threat from North Korea, a worsening world-wide economic disruption, and extreme partisanship in our national discourse. Can any of these problems be addressed by using the Eisenhower Principles? Here is my suggested application.

1. The pandemic is an important and an urgent issue. All available resources and effort should be put into correcting mistakes and implementing mitigation actions.
2. The economic disruption is important but not as urgent as the pandemic response. Federal funds and efforts should go to preserve life and health ahead of accumulating money. (I know this is easy for me to say. I am retired and on Social Security and Medicare. Attention should be given to this problem immediately following paying for pandemic mitigation efforts.)
3. North Korea is important but not urgent. Ignore the North Korean leader and belittle his actions until they become more urgent.
4. Donald Trump. He is not important nor urgent.

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Soon he will be assigned to the ash heap of history. In less than four months, he will get his comeuppance and, hopefully, imprisonment. Ignore everything he says or does as it is probably a lie or meant to antagonize. Remember, in the words of one of his Secretaries of State, "he is a f***ing moron."

Thank goodness, we had those thoughtful and intelligent Republicans in the past. That makes it easier to look at today's Republicans and wonder where did they go wrong?



Far More Democrats are wearing face masks than Republicans, poll finds [from the Washington Post 7/13/20]

Democrats are far more likely than Republicans to wear a face mask outside the home, new polling by Gallup finds. Sixty-one percent of Democrats say they always wear a mask, compared with 24 percent of Republicans, according to poll results . . . Meanwhile, 27 percent of Republicans say they never wear a mask outside the home, compared with 1 percent of Democrats.

1 million seconds is about 11 days.

1 billion seconds is about 31.5 years.

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The above is just to give you perspective. Jeff Bezos added \$13 billion to his fortune in a single day during this pandemic.
(July 20, 2020)

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Friends of the Democratic Club of Worcester County:

This is an invitation to become a member of the Democratic Club of Worcester County. Memberships are available for \$15 for an individual or \$25 for a couple. If you join now, DCWC will extend your membership through December 31, 2021. **TWO YEARS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE.** Members who have already purchased their 2020 membership will also have membership extended through December 31, 2021.

Print this page of the newsletter, fill in the form below and mail it along with your check to the DCWC, P.O. Box 1664, Berlin, Maryland, 21811. If you are not sure you have paid your 2020 membership fee, contact Jan Nissen-Hawkins at redhatmum6@gmail.com.

DCWC regularly meets in the Assateague Room at the Ocean Pines Community Center on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 for coffee and conversation. The meeting begins at 7:00. Currently, our meetings are being held via Zoom. For more information contact thomasebutler11@mediacombb.net.

Stay safe, thank you for your support, stay on top of the news, and mask-up!

2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM**DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY**

The Democratic Club of Worcester County is organized to unite Democrats across the county.

Your Name _____

Your Primary Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

DUES: \$15 Single \$25 Family Make checks payable to DCWC.

Print this form and send with your check to: DCWC, P.O. 1664, Berlin, MD 21811

WHAT IS A PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY TO SEND IN FEDERAL TROOPS?

By Steve Cohen

The constitution says Congress has the power "to provide for the calling forth of the militia . . . to suppress insurrections" and it has given that authority to the president in various forms since 1792 (Article 1 Section 8 Clause 15).

The Insurrection Act of 1807 empowers the president of the United States to "deploy U.S. military and federalized National Guard troops within the United States in particular circumstances." (10 U.S.C. Sec. 331-335; amended 2006, 2007).

As currently worded, the Insurrection Act allows the president to call up active duty military troops or federalize the National Guard under three circumstances:

1. **At the request of the state.** This was first done when Governor Wilson of California asked for the troops after rioting when the police were acquitted for the attack on Rodney King.
2. **To enforce federal laws.** In 1987, President Reagan ordered troops to help suppress violence in a federal prison in Arizona.
3. **To protect civil rights.** This provision authorizes the president to use the military to suppress "any insurrection, domestic violence, unlawful combination or conspiracy" if law enforcement is unable to provide sufficient protection. It does not require the permission or request by the state. Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson used this power to enforce desegregation in the South.

The definition of insurrection is "a violent uprising against an authority or government." The question I have is whether this power is to be used for peaceful demonstrations against government inaction?

Even if the president may have the right to use this power, I believe he is using it in an unconstitutional manner. First, the troops are violating the constitutional rights of these demonstrators by making arrests and pulling demonstrators in for questioning in unmarked cars and not identifying themselves. He is only sending troops to democratic cities. These troops are not trained for riot or crowd control. Maybe we could use these troops to fight the coronavirus? Finally, I believe by sending in troops, the president is only escalating the problem.



VERIFIABLE

A monthly contribution by Joe Beggs

Editor's Note: In the last of a series of four monthly articles, local political commentator Joe Beggs will discuss the role of big money in American politics.

For as long as politics and politicians have existed, they have been swayed, influenced, or occasionally owned by people who have a deep financial interest in their activities. This happens at all levels of government. Show me some city planning commissioners, and I'll show you a real estate developer who has a VERY keen interest in their decision-making. Show me a State Energy Commission, and I'll show you several gas and oil companies who are on top of their every move. Show me the Armed Services Committee in the House and Senate, and I'll show you Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, and Boeing lobbyists who spend a LOT of time in their offices.

Some examples of corporate influence are relatively subtle, but if you examine the Tobacco Industry in 1994, the Financial Industry in 2008, and the Defense Industry "Revolving Door" investigations in the 80's and early 90's, their attempts at summary influence are not subtle at all. Nobody doubts that whole industries and large corporations give huge amounts of money to candidates in order to command their support.

However, the questions before us are: Do these private and public firms actually buy the votes of the officials in question? Is the amount of money contributed to these politicians sufficient to win their vote at nearly every turn? Most importantly, do these politicians weigh the greater good in their decisions, and place it before all else?

To begin to answer these questions, it's necessary to bring it up close and personal. If you miss a red light, crashing into someone's car causing injury and/or property damage, you would be smart to hire a lawyer to minimize your financial exposure. The attorney you hire will almost certainly charge fees in the thousands of dollars. Since you are paying him large amounts of money, you can bet that you will be VERY anxious for him to take up your cause. Now, extending that reasoning to big companies, when they send money to a politician, you can bet that these corporations and business owners expect him or her to DIRECTLY serve their interests.

For more than 12 years, I have been asking friends, acquaintances, and business clients the following question: "If a company or business owner contributes. [Continued on page 12]

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significantly to the election of a politician, and then the politician gets elected, and the politician then does the bidding of that company or rich person; does that constitute corruption?" Keep in mind that at least 60% of the people I questioned were Republicans or independents. Here is the result of my personal survey: Fully 95% (probably more!) answered yes to that question. At least 80% answered yes instantaneously.

The citizens of this country know that a large percentage of our elected officials are bought and paid for by big money. Unfortunately, as long as politicians take big money for their campaigns, we will have to suffer with the corruption that results. There is only one way to reverse the effects of this universal evil: go to the polls and VOTE!

Next month: Who exactly is spending this "big money?" And who's taking it?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *[Continued from page 3.]*

*We support tougher background checks and tracking of ammunition.

*We support closing loopholes that allow easy access to firearms.

*We support research on the impact of gun violence on health.

Opioid and Other Substance Addictions

*We support broad availability of Naloxone, requiring all pharmacies to maintain adequate stock levels of this life-saving drug, and for supplies to be available in all local and state government buildings.

*We support making addiction treatment programs free to every person in Maryland.

Health Coverage

*The COVID-19 pandemic exposed essential weaknesses in our nation's health coverage structure. It is clear we need to move towards a coherent, universal health coverage system.

VOTE BLUE



Centennial Anniversary of the 19th Amendment



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✉ 100suffrage@gmail.com

WHEN WOMEN VOTE DEMOCRATS WIN!

AMENDMENT XIX

Women's suffrage

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

You got it, now use it.

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VOTE!!
VOTE!!!

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38032 BAYVIEW CIRCLE WEST
SELBYVILLE, DE 19975

Maryland Application for an Absentee Ballot

Register to Vote 1 You must be registered to vote an absentee ballot. If you are not registered to vote in Maryland and want to register, contact your local election office listed on the attached sheet or go to elections.maryland.gov.

Print your name.
Use black or blue ink. 2 Last name _____ Jr Sr II III IV
First name _____ Middle name or initial _____

Election 3 I want an absentee ballot for
 Presidential Primary – We will mail you a ballot for the presidential primary election. Fill out Section 6 if you want your ballot mailed to a different address, or if you want your ballot by fax or internet delivery instead of mail.
 Presidential General
Party Affiliation:
 Democrat Republican Bread and Roses Working Class Other: Specify _____

About you 4 Email Address _____
Birthdate _____ Phone _____

Your current address
Print your current residential address.
DO NOT write a temporary address used for school, work, or travel. If you want to get your ballot by U.S. Mail, you can put that address in Section 6.

5 Address _____ Apt. number _____
City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
When did you move here? _____ If you do not remember the exact date, give the month and year.

How do you want to receive your ballot?
Choose one:
 U.S. MAIL

If you choose internet delivery, we will send you an email with a link to your ballot about three weeks before the election. You must print your ballot and return it to your local election office. If you do not see an email from the State Board of Elections, check your spam folder.

Note: A fax or internet ballot you have printed yourself cannot be read by our scanners. Election workers will use the information on your ballot to mark an official ballot for you. The official ballot will be machine counted with other ballots.

If you do not have a Maryland Driver's License or ID card, provide the last 4 digits of your social security number.

I want my ballot for the **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION** mailed to:

Same as above The address below

Address _____ Apt. number _____
City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I want my ballot for the **PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION** mailed to:

Same as above The address below

6 Address _____ Apt. number _____
City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

INTERNET DELIVERY We will email you an internet link to open your ballot and print it yourself.

Email address _____
Maryland Driver's License or ID Card Number _____
Issue Date _____
Last 4 digits of Social Security number XXX-XX- _____

FAX fax number _____

Signature
(required)

Anyone can help you fill out this form except

- A candidate on your ballot
- Your employer or an agent of your employer
- An officer or agent from your union

Voter's Signature (required)

7 _____

Today's Date _____

Assistance Signature (required if you had help)

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that this voter needed help with this form because he or she has a disability or is unable to read or write. The voter authorized me to complete this form. If the voter could not sign this form, I printed the voter's name and wrote my initials.

Signature _____
Date _____