

# NEWSLETTER

*Coming to You from the Left Side of the House and the Senate*



## **DCWC LABOR DAY PICNIC CANCELLED AMID INCREASE IN POSITIVITY RATES FOR COVID IN WORCESTER COUNTY**

Reluctantly, and in spite of the annual DCWC Labor Day picnic being an outdoor affair, the Board of Directors voted to cancel this year’s event. Concerns over the recent uptick in people testing positive for Covid in Worcester County, prompted the Board’s decision. The Board chose to “err on the side of caution” rather than risk the possibility of hosting an event that might lead to illness. Even those vaccinated against the virus may still contract Covid, according to the CDC.

The Board of Directors shares any disappointment felt by members and President Vicky Wallace has responded personally to those who have made enquiries concerning the annual event. While the Board has decided to resume in-person meetings in late September, that could be subject to change.

CDC guidelines will be implemented for the September meeting with social distancing in seating, masking, and hand sanitizer available at the door. The Board hopes members will feel safe attending a DCWC meeting in person. The meeting is scheduled in the Assateague Room at the Community Center of Ocean Pines. Meeting start time is 7 pm with coffee and pastries available beginning at 6:30 pm.

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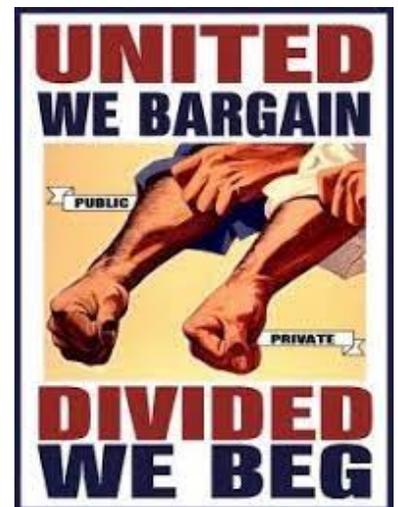


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*Editor DCWC Newsletter*





# A Message from Your President

Vicky Wallace, DCWC President

WE ARE MEETING SEPTEMBER 23 at the OP Community Center. HURRAY. Come and meet candidate Michelle Gregory, candidate for Maryland State Senate. Wear a mask just to be safe. Looking forward to seeing you again.

I am pleased to announce that Tim Tarr, one of our veteran club members, has been appointed vice president of the DCWC. Tim will be helping to set up our monthly speakers and fundraising events. We will miss Don Grace on the Board but will continue to see him at our general meetings and fundraisers. Don (and his truck) were instrumental in picking up and delivering “BIDEN” signs during the election. Like many of us, he is a member of several Democratic clubs and shares assignments for each. Thanks for your service as Vice-President, Don.

Order your VOTE BLUE IN 2022 10-ounce wineglass from your friends at the DCWC. This is our latest fundraiser, planned and initiated by Frank Fox. These glasses make great gifts. Your order will be personally delivered by Frank as he picks up your check. Frank can be reached at [fox65917@gmail.com](mailto:fox65917@gmail.com). More information is in this newsletter.

Vicky Wallace  
President, DCWC



## **MICHELLE GREGORY DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR MARYLAND STATE SENATE DISTRICT 38**

Michelle Gregory has served on the Salisbury City Council since 2019. She has worked on issues relating to education, racial equality, union rights, a living wage, and universal health care. Michelle will join us as our guest speaker on September 23 at the DCWC.

## CAN BUSINESSES REQUIRE PROOF OF VACCINATION?

By Steve Cohen

*Information on the internet claims that businesses cannot legally require customers to provide proof of vaccination or deny entry based on vaccination status. The graphic cited the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Title III of the U.S. Civil Rights Act.*

### What Are Your Rights?

Multiple states created a reopening framework that centers around requiring proof of vaccination for specific activities. California aims to fully reopen by June 15, but public universities across the state will require students to get the jab against COVID-19 to attend school next fall. Similarly, audience members at live entertainment venues are currently required to show proof of vaccination or a negative test result.

Although President Joe Biden has ruled out a federal vaccination passport, New York released its Excelsior Pass in March — the first in the nation. Hawaii is exploring a similar initiative. Other states, including California and Connecticut, likely won't create a statewide passport but expect they could emerge from the private sector.

Several states have voiced opposition to proof of vaccination requirements. In Texas, Idaho, Montana, Arizona, Florida and Utah, state officials have passed legislation or handed down executive orders that limit the use of vaccination passports. However, measures in those states only apply to government entities and state-funded organizations, not privately-owned businesses.

The Fourth Amendment states that Americans have rights against “unreasonable searches and seizures” from the government. But asking a person for proof of vaccination does not constitute a search or a seizure, and private businesses aren't government entities addressed in the amendment.

If a person refuses to disclose their vaccination status, a business cannot search their pockets or vehicle for proof they are vaccinated. However, it can ask for the information to be voluntarily disclosed. If it isn't, a business has the right to refuse entry,

Businesses can establish standards for entry that do not violate statutory or constitutional provisions in a state or federal law.

The Civil Rights Act applies to all entities and prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin. However, it does not address issues of discrimination based on disability (*Con't pg. 4.*)

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or a medical condition. Besides these restrictions, a business is generally able to choose with whom it conducts transactions and make its own rules on private property. For example, some businesses hang signs that say, “No shirt, no shoes, no service.”

For instance, if someone is allergic to a component commonly found in vaccines, they may be unable to be fully vaccinated. In that case, businesses would need to provide reasonable accommodation by law. That might mean that unvaccinated customers can only enter a business if they wear a mask or are offered a virtual, no contact version of the service that the business provides.

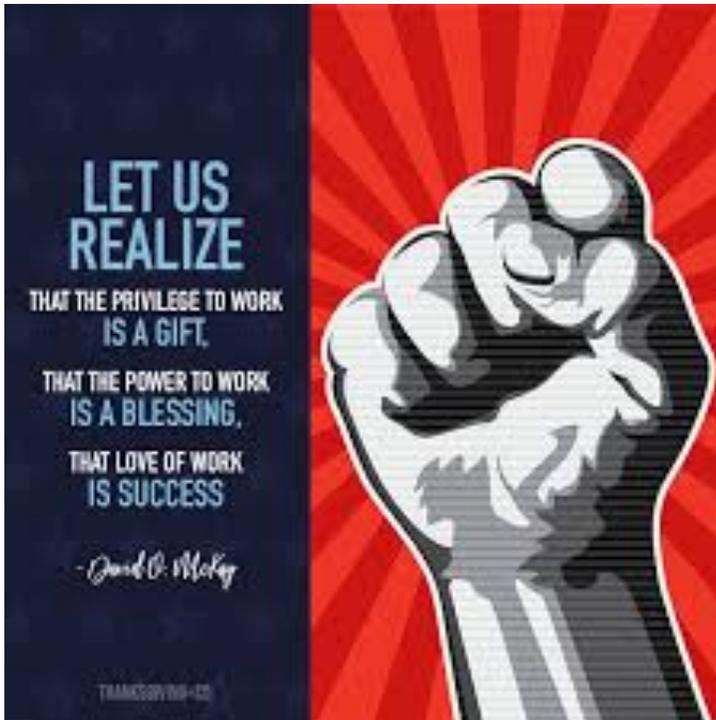
Still, the ADA only applies in instances where a person has a disability. It isn't valid in cases where a person simply does not want to be vaccinated.

Legal experts say businesses are allowed to ask for proof of vaccination from customers. In some states, certain businesses are required to ask about vaccination status under current reopening guidelines.

Additionally, businesses can generally deny entry to unvaccinated customers, provided they offer reasonable accommodations for people who might be unable to receive a vaccine because of a disability, a medical condition or their religious beliefs. Experts say a reasonable accommodation does not necessarily mean the individual would be able to walk into the business or access their services in person.



# CELEBRATE LABOR



LABOR DAY, observed on the first Monday of September, is a day to pay tribute to the social and economic contributions and achievements of the American worker. Created by the labor movement in the late 19th century, the day became a federal holiday in the year 1894. 2021 marks the **127th** year that this day has been an official federal holiday.

## Origin of Labor Day by Randy Duermyer

There is a dispute about who originally thought of the idea of an annual Labor Day observance. According to the Department of Labor, two men are put forward as the originators of the idea. One is Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor. Another possible originator was Matthew Maguire, a machinist, who later became the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J.

Labor Day was first celebrated by local municipalities and states before becoming a national holiday. The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, according to the Department of Labor. It was organized by the New York Central Labor Union, which was made of several labor unions coming together to work toward better working conditions. The second Labor Day followed a year later, on September 5, 1883. *(Continued on page 6.)*

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Labor Day wasn't part of a three-day weekend until 1894 when the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed by the Central Labor Union, which encouraged other cities and states to honor workers as well. From 1885 to 1894, 32 states passed bills to adopt a day to honor workers.

On June 28, 1894, Congress passed the act establishing the first Monday in September as a legal national Labor Day holiday.

## **CONTENT FROM [history.com](https://www.history.com)**

Labor Day originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and 7-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories, and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.

People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks. As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay. Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed.

Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago, went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide.

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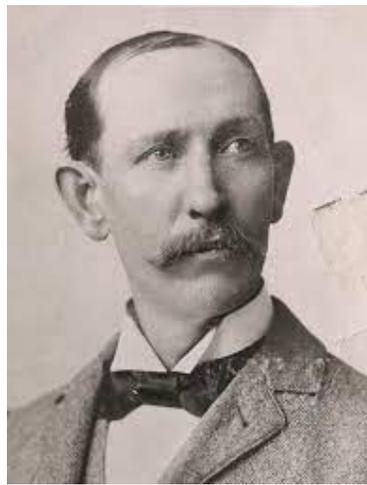
To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified.

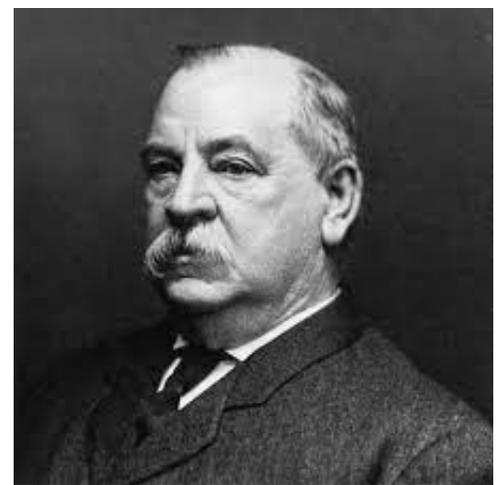
Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested that Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday.



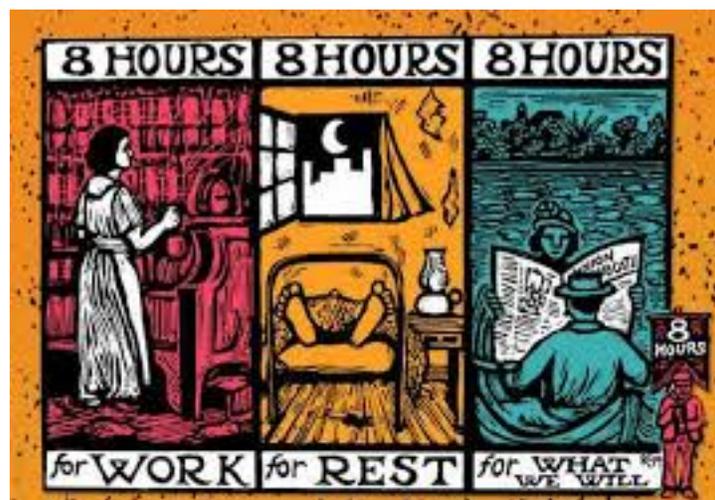
P. J. McGuire



Matthew McGuire



President Grover Cleveland



Informational essay on pages 5, 6 and 7 are from internet source [history.com](http://history.com)



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*Send (or give me when the glass is hand delivered) **a check made out to DCWC** (Democratic Club of Worcester County) for a glass at \$ 20.00 each.*

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# RESERVATION FORM

## 17TH ANNUAL KENNEDY-KING DINNER

In support of the Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County  
**September 13th, 2021 DUNES MANOR HOTEL, Ocean City**  
Reception 5 pm Dinner 6 pm

The Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County (DCCWC) extends its thanks to the 3 local Democratic Clubs for their support of our traditional gala dinner. Those three organizations are the Democratic Club of Worcester County, Democratic Women’s Club of Worcester County, and the Democratic Club of Ocean City/Berlin.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JAKE DAY, MAYOR, SALISBURY, MD**  
**MASTER OF CEREMONIES: JIM MATHIAS**  
**DR. ROXIE DENNIS-ACHONLONU, CHAIR, DCCWC**

**TICKETS FOR THE DINNER ARE A \$75 CONTRIBUTION PER PERSON. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE ADDRESS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM.**

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ SEATS # of seats \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Add an additional contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Total of tickets + additional contribution = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on the reservation: \_\_\_\_\_ . Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*If retired, please indicate “retired.”)

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Select an entree:  
\_\_\_\_ Beef stroganoff    \_\_\_\_ Grilled salmon    \_\_\_\_ Chicken piccata    \_\_\_\_ Vegetarian primavera

Pay by check: Please make your check payable to DCCWC and return this form with your check to DCCWC, P.O. Box 34, Berlin, MD 21811

QUESTIONS? Call 410-600-0552 and leave a message. We will get back to you. Or send an email to: [soonerlanny@gmail.com](mailto:soonerlanny@gmail.com).

Authorized by the DCCWC, Lanny Hickman, Treasurer. All funds solicited in connection with this event are by the DCCWC. \*Contributor information required by law.



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SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 28TH  
OUR DEMOCRACY IS THREATENED LIKE NEVER BEFORE.  
THE THREAT IS REAL AND IT IS HERE.**

# Looking to the Future Upcoming Local Events & Fundraisers

**September 13th Kennedy-King Dinner (DCCWC)**  
**5:00 pm Reception, 6:00 pm Dinner, Dunes Manor Hotel, OC**  
**Tickets: \$75 per person**

**Thursday, September 23rd. 6:00 pm**  
**Bertino/Bunting Town Hall**  
**Ocean Pines Library**  
**Speakers: Rebecca Jones Worcester County Health Officer**  
**Louis Taylor, Superintendent, Worcester County Public Schools**

**September 23rd DCWC**  
**First in-person meeting of 2021**  
**OP Community Center, 7:00 p.m.**

**October 8th Trivia Night**  
**Ocean Pines Community Center, Dessert, coffee, and wine (DWC)**

**October 13th J. Millard Tawes Crab & Clam Bake**  
**Noon to 4 pm, Somers Cove Marina, Crisfield, MD**

**DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF WORCESTER COUNTY  
THE BLUE PLEDGE V, P.O. Box 34, BERLIN, MD 21811**

**2021 BLUE PLEDGE FUNDRAISING EFFORT  
ANDY HARRIS HAS TO GO  
AND WE NEED A DEMOCRAT FOR GOVERNOR**

**TIME TO SUPPORT WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAMPAIGN**

We have two critical must-win elections: getting rid of Andy Harris and electing a Democrat as Governor. The outcome of both races depends on Worcester County Democrats getting out the vote. Neighborhood networks, phone chains by you and your neighbors, knocking on doors, not just once, but time and time again, is what we must do. All DEMOCRATS MUST VOTE. The Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County, is encouraging the Democratic Women’s Club, the Democratic Club of Worcester County, and the Democratic Club of Ocean City/ Berlin to join in an undertaking to reach every registered Democrat, independent voter, and voters disenchanted with Trump and Harris, in our county. All registered voters’ votes count; their vote COUNTS! Andy Harris’ failure to respond to the needs of the citizens of Worcester County means we must highlight his failures and faults. Funds from the Blue Pledge VI drive will be used to support materials to help our voters understand HOW HARRIS FAILS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CITIZENS OF WORCESTER COUNTY. Funding will help support materials for neighborhood networks, as well as supporting Democrats running for local government and county offices.

**A BLUE PLEDGE IS \$100. Fill out the form below, write us a check, and put it in the mail. You can choose to make your pledge in 4 payments of \$25 each over 4 months. Pledges larger than \$100 can be made as well. WRITE THAT CHECK!**  
~Lanny Hickmam

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**YOUR PLEDGE AMOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I want to make my \$100 payment in 4 payments of \$25 each.** \_\_\_\_\_

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# It's Hard to Know Where to Begin

by Gwen Lehman

I am tired. I am so tired, I can't take it anymore. Can't take the absurdity of what we have become as a nation. We're a joke, a freaking joke. With all of the wealth and the expanse of land that stretches across an entire continent, billions of millionaires and millions of billionaires, some of the finest institutions of higher learning anywhere in the world, technologies that bring us an ease of living, dozens of Nobel laureates, Girl Scouts that still sell Thin Mints, dog trainers that come to your house, packages delivered to your door, sometimes in less than 24 hours, free public libraries not to mention free public education, marvelous symphony orchestras, artwork by the likes of Mel Bochner, great museums and more and still thousands and thousands of US citizens refuse to get vaccinated and are right now screaming at Boards of Education and threatening medical personnel advising those Boards of Education because they do not want their children to wear a mask in school.

It is nuts. And somebody needs to put a stop to it. I am just about to sign on to a proposal I've seen tossed about - a grim one, I admit, but there have to be consequences for those who refuse to protect themselves and therefore refuse to protect the rest of us. If they do not get themselves vaccinated, not because they *may* not due to a legitimate health reason or any lack of ready access, no, but because they have joined an anti-vax MAGA cult, then when they get sick with Covid, they should be triaged so that those who are vaccinated and have break-through infections receive treatment first. They should also be forced to wait behind individuals who need treatment for serious illnesses, like cancer, or heart problems, and behind those who have been waiting for hip replacement surgery or kidney transplants. Why should everyone else's health care and health treatment be delayed or denied because anti-vaxxers refuse to take appropriate measures to take care of themselves? Aren't they also the people crying about personal responsibility? Then, for god's sake, they should take some personal responsibility!

I know it can be argued that anti-vaxxers' beliefs are genuine, that everyone's point of view must be taken into account, equal weight given, respect. NO!!! NO no no no no! This is a global pandemic. Those same people, like that right wing radio shock jock Dick Farrell who just died of Covid, those same people who scream and shout and threaten and say NEVER to getting available vaccines want every available measure that medical science can offer to save them from their own folly when they become ill with Covid. They trust the science then. What should be heartbreaking reports of dying patients begging for the vaccine are now falling coldly on my heart. You refuse the vaccine? Then know you just sent an invitation to a virus, an invitation which that virus just may accept. Vaccination passports. I'm all for them. It's not that I am especially tired of staying home. It's that I am especially tired of our country being made to look like a nation of spoiled brats with vicious tempers, low IQs, and a lack of gratitude.

## Mini-Calendar

### August Break

No general meeting

### September 6

Labor Day Picnic **CANCELLED**

### September 13

Kennedy-King Dinner  
Dunes Manor 6 pm

### September 23

DCWC General Meeting  
OP Community Center. 7 pm  
Speaker: Michelle Gregory

### October 8 DWC

Trivia Night Fundraiser



"The Democrats are the party of government activism, the party that says government can make you richer, smarter, taller, and get the chickweed out of your lawn. Republicans are the party that says government doesn't work, and then gets elected and prove it."

P.J. O'Rourke