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Events Update



Congressman John Sarbanes Monday, May 31, 1 pm

*For The People Act: Voter Suppression,
Dark Money and the Filibuster*

RSVP

bit.ly/wdc-may-31-sarbanes

"For The People Act: Voter Suppression, Dark Money, and the Filibuster"

Monday, May 31, 1:00 pm

Join us to hear from **Congressman John Sarbanes** how this bill will expand voting rights, change campaign finance laws to reduce the influence of money in politics, limit partisan gerrymandering, and create new ethics rules for federal officeholders.

RSVP [here](https://bit.ly/wdc-may-31-sarbanes).

RSVP Here to Receive Zoom Link On Event Day

Take Action!



Help Pass the For the People Act!

The For the People Act (HR1/S1) will safeguard voting rights, mandate independent redistricting commissions, increase transparency in campaign financing, and more! It's passed the House – now we need to get it passed in the Senate, which will likely include ending or modifying the filibuster. You can help by calling constituents of key Senators and asking them to tell those Senators to let this bill have a vote on the Senate floor. [Sign up now!](#)

- To make calls with Silver Spring Progressive Action, click here: <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/378005/>
- To make calls with Do The Most Good, click here: <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/380035/>
- To make calls with Indivisible Montgomery and J Walkers, click here: <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/379021/>
- Or choose any of the For The People Act phonebanks listed on the Common Cause Mobilize home page at <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/>



Saturday, May 8, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Silver Spring Farm Market

Join DoTheMostGood, Indivisible Montgomery, J Walkers Action Group, MoCoWoMen, the Democratic Club of Leisure World, and Silver Spring organizer Terry Horne for the National John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Day of Action. DTMG will have a booth at the Silver Spring Farm Market on Veterans Plaza from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to provide information on voting rights, recruit volunteers, and register voters. Free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP, go to bit.ly/action-0508.



The WDC Community Education committee is looking for two co-leads to develop and execute community education events. Recent events included a panel discussion on juvenile justice reform and a panel discussion with members of the Board of Education. The work includes deciding on timely, important event topics, contacting potential speakers, and organizing the 1-hour events, which will take place on Zoom for the foreseeable future. If you are a detail-oriented person and would enjoy organizing community dialogue events in this way, please consider joining us! If you would like more information, please email Leslie Milano by clicking the link below.

Email Leslie Milano at leslie.milano@gmail.com



DoTheMostGood Is Phonebanking and Canvassing for PA State Rep. Marty Flynn!

As a May 18 special election in Pennsylvania approaches, DoTheMostGood is doing phonebanking and in-person canvassing to help PA State Rep. Marty Flynn (D113) win the vacant PA State Senate District 22 seat and keep it blue.

This race is a critical hold! The three other seats open in this special election are in extremely red districts, so – with less than a month to go – DTMG is focusing all its energies on this winnable race.

Phonebanks are 7-9pm on Monday evenings (April 26, May 3, May 10, and May 17). [Sign up here for the phonebanks](#). DTMG leaders will provide training for all who need it, but experienced phonebankers can get started right after the candidate briefing. Please have both a computer and a phone available. (Tablets are an option, but computers are better.)

Canvassing in PA will happen on two weekends, May 8 & 9 and May 15 & 16. Canvassers will meet in Scranton, PA, at noon each day. [Sign up here for canvassing](#), and DTMG will give you all the details.

District 113 representative since 2012, Marty Flynn is chairman of the Northeastern Delegation in the PA House. His legislative record is one of fighting for union rights, standing up for seniors, and advocating for working families. You can learn more about Marty and his Senate run on his [Facebook campaign page](#).

Join DTMG in working for Marty's victory and a blue PA – and, if you're canvassing, in celebrating the opportunity to act in person again!



DTMG Legislative Wrap-Up

Monday, May 10, 7 - 8:30 pm

House Majority Leader Del. Eric Luedtke (D14), Del. Lorig Charkoudian (D20), Del. Lily Qi (D15), and Sen. Ben Kramer (D19) will discuss how priorities in the House and the Senate played out and how the wins (and losses) on bills for COVID relief, civil rights, elections, environment, healthcare, immigration, police reform, and other important issues will affect us all going forward. Register at bit.ly/2Rn4Onk.

Politics of Hate and Anti-Asian Violence: Why Now?

Thursday, May 13, 7 - 8:00 pm

Join Delegate Lily Qi; Dr. Janelle Wong, core faculty member, Asian American Studies, University of Maryland, College Park; and Dr. Jean Pfaelzer, author of *Driven Out: The Forgotten War against Chinese Americans*, for a lively discussion on the deep history and modern-day context of anti-Asian bias and aggression, and what we can all do to fight against bigotry and discrimination in everyday life, and advance our communities' standing as Americans. This event is cosponsored by the Montgomery County Progressive Asian American Network and DoTheMostGood Montgomery County.

Please register at bit.ly/qi-dtmg-why-now.



Montgomery County Democratic Party

The MCDCC Calendar includes numerous additional meetings and events.

Events Calendar, [click here](#).

Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, via Zoom

Please register at bit.ly/mcdcc0511.

District 16 Virtual Legislative Town Hall
7 - 8:30 pm
Thursday, May 6, 2021
via Zoom Meeting
Please register at bit.ly/d16-0506

Thursday, May 6, 7-8:30 pm

To register, click [here](#).

District 17 Virtual Town Hall

Tuesday, May 11, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Please register at bit.ly/D17May2021.

District 18 Virtual Town Hall

Wednesday, May 12, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, via Zoom

Please register at bit.ly/d18-0512.

District 19 Virtual Legislative Town Hall, hosted by the Democratic Club of Leisure World

Thursday, May 13, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Please register at bit.ly/dclw-0513.



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 - [Apply to Serve! Montgomery County Boards, Committees, & Commissions](#)
 - [2022 Candidate Information and Resources](#)
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Maryland Equity Vaccine Hunters: Helping the Underserved

[Maryland Equity Vaccine Hunters](#) mobilizes volunteers to schedule appointments for individuals who are BIPOC, LGBTQ, immigrants, disabled individuals, or non-English speakers. Members of these groups can post a message to the Facebook page seeking help scheduling an appointment. A volunteer will reach out to each person for their personal information and preferred vaccine locations, then do the legwork to schedule an appointment.

If you are a member of an underserved community in need of a vaccine appointment, please click [here](#) to be matched with an Equity Vaccine Hunter.

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