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WDC Weekly Update – Thursday May 20, 2021

Events, Advocacy, Community Events

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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).

Maryland Congressman John Sarbanes will likely make his most significant mark on history if his massive voting rights bill becomes law. The U.S. House has twice passed HR 1, the For the People Act. This anti-corruption and voting rights reform bill remains the Democrats' top legislative priority, but it faces an uphill battle in the Senate.

HR 1 is an omnibus reform package that would combat voter suppression; end partisan gerrymandering; increase the power of small donors; impose new ethics requirements on Congress, the Supreme Court, and the President; and help secure the very endurance of our American democracy.

Mr. Sarbanes, a lifelong Marylander, represents Maryland's 3rd Congressional District. He serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he is the Vice Chair of the House Subcommittee on Health, and a member of the House Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change. He also sits on the House Committee on Oversight and its Government Operations subcommittee. He has worked tirelessly to bring Covid relief to Maryland families during the current crisis.

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Wednesday, June 30, 7 pm

WDC ANNUAL MEETING

**Vote on the Proposed Slate of Officers
for 2021-2023**

President: Leslie Milano
First Vice President: Laura Stewart
Second Vice President: Lorna Forde
Third Vice President: JoAnne Koravos
Secretary: Martha Morris
Treasurer: Mary Lou Fox





MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, MARYLAND

WOMEN'S
DEMOCRATIC CLUB

June 30, 2021
Guest Speaker
Rep. Jamie Raskin

Register Here
WomensDemocraticClub.org

Join Us for an Evening of Political Conversation and to Elect WDC officers for 2021-2023 With Guest Speaker Congressman Jamie Raskin

Wednesday, June 30, 7 pm

[RSVP Here](#)

2021-2023 WDC Slate of Officers

The WDC Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2021-2023. All current members present at the June 30 annual membership meeting may vote on the slate. If you are not a member and would like to become a member [click here](#). If you are unsure of your membership status contact [Enid Light](#) or [Lisa Fuller](#), Membership Co-chairs. Members may nominate additional candidates from the floor. Read more about our nominees [here](#).

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WDC Legislative Priorities Wrap-Up



2021 Legislative Priorities Wrap-Up Maryland Paves the Way...

The 442nd session of the General Assembly of Maryland has come to a close and our WDC community can take pride: **We made a difference!**

Criminal justice and police reform were at the heart of our advocacy efforts in a truly groundbreaking session. With the passage and veto override of the Juvenile Restoration Act Maryland abolished juvenile life sentences without the possibility of parole. This brings Maryland in line with the U.S. Supreme Court and 24 other states and the District of Columbia that have banned life without parole for children.

In more history-making news our legislature overrode Hogan's vetoes to implement sweeping police reform and accountability, becoming the first state in

[Read Our 2021 Legislative Priorities Wrap-Up](#)

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/>

- Or choose any of the For The People Act phonebanks listed on the Common Cause Mobilize home page at <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/>

Put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill.



960 have signed. Let's get to 1,000!

Sign the petition to put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill. [Click here to get started!](#)



Clubs of Color Caucus
Legislative Priority Series
Part I

 ZOOM | at 6:30PM - 8:00 PM



Clubs of Color Caucus Legislative Priority Series

Thursday, May 20, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

[RSVP Here to Receive Zoom Link](#)

Please join the Association of Black Democrats of Montgomery County, the Latino Democratic Club of



Delegate Lily Qi (D15)

joins UpCounty Democrats to discuss the dynamics of the Asian American community in Montgomery County, the anti-Asian hate incidents of the past year, and opportunities for community building and political engagement.

**Register at
bit.ly/upcounty0524**

UpCounty Democrats Monthly Breakfast

Monday, May 24, 7:30 am

Please register at bit.ly/upcounty0524. Free and open to the public.



Montgomery County Democratic Party

The MCDCC Calendar includes numerous additional meetings and events.

Events Calendar, [click here](#).





The Montgomery County COVID-19 Rent Relief Program provides short-term rental assistance to eligible households who have experienced lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has caused them to fall behind on their rent. The program is managed by the County's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) with funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

While funds are available, the program will provide up to \$12,000 to eligible households to pay for back rent owed and/or pay for up to three months of future rent. For households below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), additional financial help may be available. Funds awarded will take into account any other local, state, or federal assistance received to pay rent.

Apply [here](#).

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