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WDC Newsletter – April 2022

WDC Events, News, and Resources

President's Message

Happy Sine Die! April 11 was the final day of the Maryland General Assembly's 2022 legislative session. Congrats to all legislators and advocates, especially WDC's passionate and dedicated Advocacy team.

A HUGE thank you to JoAnne Koravos, WDC Advocacy Chair, and all of the hardworking, persistent Advocacy Subcommittee Chairs and committee members. WDC submitted testimony for 44 bills this session from our all-volunteer team, with additional oral testimony for several bills.



After many years of advocacy, we were thrilled to see the Time to Care Act passed (paid family and medical leave) and ghost guns banned. There were many other wins, and we'll highlight those soon.

We are grateful for our Advocacy team's time and talents, and applaud their service to WDC and Marylanders everywhere. And to the many legislators who poured their hearts and souls into passing progressive legislation these last few months — congrats on a

In other news, WDC extends its most sincere and joyous celebratory congratulations to Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the 116th Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and the first Black woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. We are thrilled for her, for us, and for our country.

Looking ahead and closer to home, are you ready to attend a live event again? We are too. WDC will hold two very special forums in May at the Silver Spring Civic Building. On May 4 at 7pm, WDC will host the County Executive candidates. On May 12, at 7pm, WDC will host the State's Attorney candidates. Both are critical elections and we hope to see you there. Registration links are below. (Note: Due to limited candidate availability, the governor's forum will be postponed. We are in the midst of attempting a reschedule. Keep an eye out for more news.)

To those who celebrate, we wish you a wonderful Easter and Passover, and a relaxing spring break.

Leslie Milano

Upcoming WDC Events



Women's Democratic Club

Presents

2022 Democratic Montgomery County Executive Candidate Forum

Free Live Event Open to the Public

Register at <https://bit.ly/370wQgV>

Come Meet the Candidates



David Blair Marc Elrich Tom Hucker Peter James Hans Riemer

Moderated by Maureen Bunyan, Television Journalist

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00pm

Silver Spring Civic Building – 1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Located near the Silver Spring Metro. Ample parking available as well.

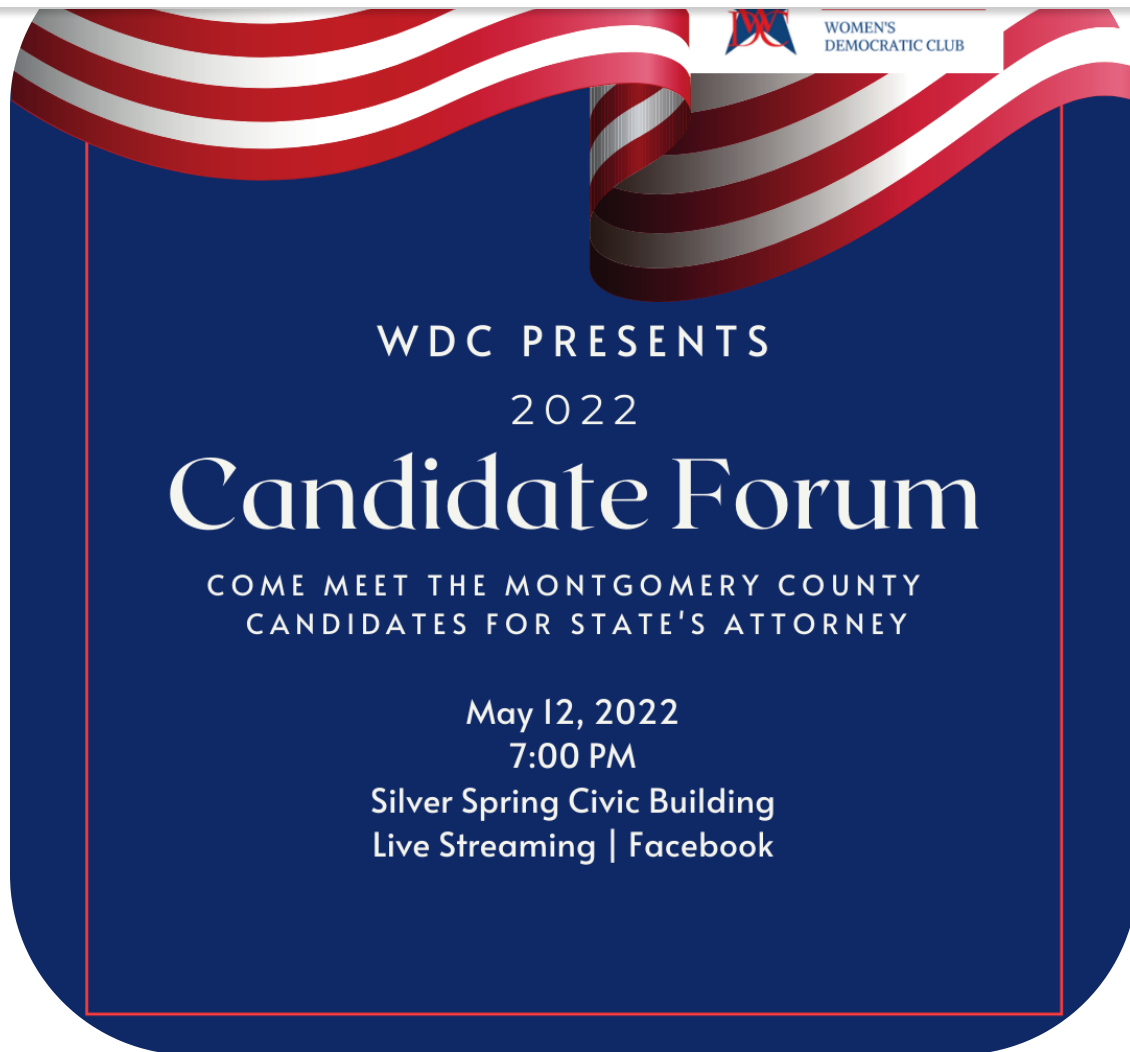
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[This event also to be broadcasted via Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/mcwdc](https://www.facebook.com/mcwdc)

To register, [CLICK HERE](https://bit.ly/370wQgV).

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WDC is pleased to present the WDC County Executive Candidate Forum on May 4th and the State's Attorney Forum on May 12th, both starting at 7:00 pm.

County Executive candidates include David Blair, Marc Elrich, Tom Hucker, and Hans Riemer.

State's Attorney candidates include Tom DeGonia, John McCarthy, Bernice Mireku-North, and Perry Paylor.

Both forums are located at the Silver Spring Civic Building at [1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910](#), located near the Silver Spring Metro. Ample parking is available.

Covid vaccinations and masks are required. We will broadcast the forums through Facebook live at www.facebook.com/mcwdc.

Please register at <https://bit.ly/3M59uFz>. The events are free and open to all.

One night Only: DMV premiere of the award-winning documentary "Resisterhood"

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Candidate
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Heather Mizeur

Screening April 21, 7:00 PM * Silver Spring Civic Building
Tickets: <https://bit.ly/dtmg-resisterhood-tix>

Join us for the DMV premiere of *Resisterhood*, a powerful documentary about the power of activists like us!

Thursday, April 21, 7 PM

[Silver Spring Civic Center](#)

1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910

WDC is excited to be co-sponsoring the in-person DC-area premiere of the powerful, award-winning documentary *Resisterhood* with DTMG. Experience the power of film to tell uplifting stories of resistance, re-energize the movement, and inspire people to get active and to vote. [Get your tickets here.](#) To watch the *Resisterhood* trailer, [click here.](#)

Local filmmaker CJ Crim, who'll be with us at the premiere, spent two years on location-- mainly in DC and Maryland-- recording the ordinary people who became grassroots activists working tirelessly to protect our democracy and civil rights in the early Trump years. *Resisterhood* captures the "... infectious, focused energy of these and other women... rouses the viewer, provides hope when all seems lost; gives to those who cannot speak for themselves a symbolic microphone."

After the screening, DTMG will host a panel discussion with a guest moderator [Michelle Whittaker of Ranked Choice Maryland and Represent Women](#), filmmaker Crim, and several local activists who appear in the film. Following the discussion, we hope you'll stay for a fun reception with a photo booth, swag table, and networking with leaders and members of local grassroots groups.

Resisterhood tickets are available for a suggested minimum donation of \$15. Your receipt is your ticket. A donation of \$50 or more will entitle the ticket holder to select *Resisterhood* swag. All donations will support voter registration efforts and getting out the vote in critical

Everyone attending must show identification and proof of vaccination and bring a mask. With our "Covid Promise," any ticketholder who, on April 21, decides they are unable to attend in person can convert their ticket to a link to watch the film at home.

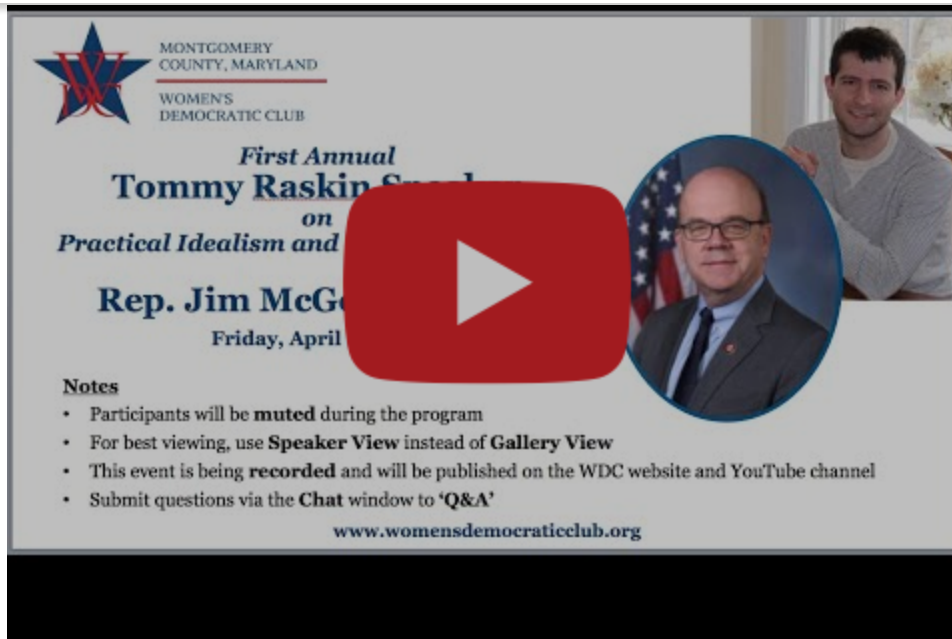
You can read critics' raves and see the array of awards the film has received on the [*Resisterhood* website](#).

[Get your tickets here](#) and we'll see you at the movies on April 21!



**VISIT THE NEW WDC
MEMBERSHIP TABLE
AT UPCOMING
EVENTS**

In Case You Missed It!



The Women's Democratic Club of Montgomery County, MD was honored that Representative Jim McGovern [D-MA] joined us as our inaugural speaker for the Annual Tommy Raskin Speaker Series on Practical Idealism and Visionary Change, broadcast via Zoom on April 1, 2022.

View Recent WDC Speakers

[Visit Our YouTube Channel](#)

Take Action!



Take action with [DoTheMostGood](#)

[Check out](#) ways to get involved in and around your area!

WDC is looking forward to expanding its scope and has several open positions within our committees and on our board:

- Membership Co-Chair
- Community Education Co-Chair
- Finance Committee Member
- Historian Co-Chair
- Communications Committee Members

If you are interested in any of these opportunities and would like to learn more, please contact Leslie Milano at leslie.milano@gmail.com.

Are you friendly, persuasive and interested in helping WDC build up our active membership? If yes, please join our Membership and Outreach Committee! In particular we are looking to recruit assistance/expertise in the following areas:

- Membership follow-up/outreach to WDC members--reaching out via phone calls, texts, or emails
- Membership Outreach to non WDC members who have attended WDC events
- Technical Assistance with data reports. We will teach you how to use our MyWDC data base.
- Assistance with locating venues/logistics for live happy hours once they resume

To learn more please contact Enid Light at enid530@aol.com.

WDC Membership

Please Renew Your WDC Membership Today!

Our new membership year began October 1, 2021. If you haven't already done so, please renew online at <https://bit.ly/323Md5r>. You may also mail your \$35.00 annual dues (\$25 for members 35 years old or younger) payable to "WDC" and mail to: WDC, P.O. Box 2181, 5056 Nicholson Lane, Suite B, Kensington, MD 20891.

By renewing your membership, you are joining other Democrats to achieve the following three goals:

Strengthening Our County and Our State by advocating for progressive democratic policy objectives; keeping Democrats informed through our luncheon/dinner speakers and

Strengthening Our Party by intensifying the work WDC has always done to elect and support Democratic candidates and increase voter involvement, with a new emphasis on strengthening our Party at the county and state levels.

Strengthening Our Club by connecting to our work, joining committees, and attending the high-quality events for which WDC has been known for more than 60 years.

Democratic Clubs



Montgomery County Democratic Party

The MCDCC Calendar includes numerous additional meetings and events.

Events Calendar, [click here](#).

As County and State Democratic candidates campaign in earnest for the 2022 elections, WDC will continue its tradition of staying out of the fray until each race has a Democratic nominee following primary elections.

We urge you to become informed about the field of candidates for these critical municipal, county, and state elected offices. The [MCDP \(Montgomery County Democratic Party\)](#) has a terrific and comprehensive listing of events featuring candidates for Democratic nomination. These include free events like panels and Democratic Club meetings, as well as fundraisers. Please share the list.

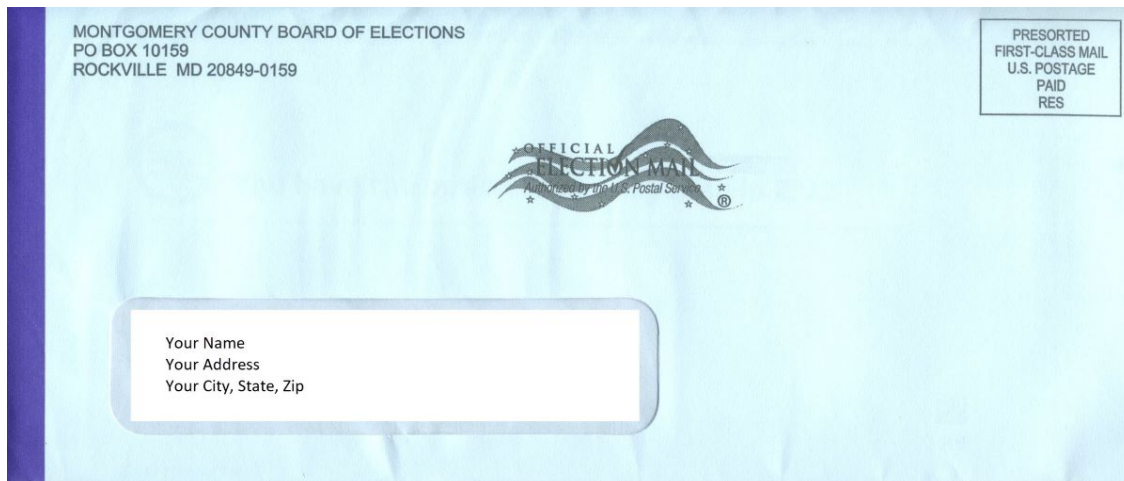


Join the District 15 Legislative Team for a Post Session Wrap Up
Monday, April 18, 7:30 PM



Senator Brian Feldman Delegate Linda Foley Delegate David Fraser- Hidalgo Delegate Lily Qi

Election Information



FYI ... just a friendly reminder to complete and submit your mail in ballot request form if you haven't already done so! See info below.

Complete and submit your Mail-in Ballot Request Form TODAY.

If you haven't already done so, the above envelope may be sitting in your pile of unopened mail!

GOOD: Complete, sign, and return the paper form in the postage-paid envelope provided.

BETTER: For faster processing of your request (or if you can't find the above envelope), go to bit.ly/NeedBallot and complete the online Mail-In Ballot Request Form instead.

BEST: Regardless of whether you complete the paper or online form, **request that your ballot be sent to you by U.S. Mail.***

BESTEST OF ALL:** Check the box to receive a mail-in ballot for **all future federal and state elections**, so you don't have to fill out this form ever again.

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