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WDC Newsletter — December 1, 2025

President's Letter

An Opportunity and an Ask

I don't if you are the executive director of a non-profit organization or nonprofit, an young Democrat or a member of a local Democratic club, you know that the end of the year is a time for fundraising. Nonprofits and political organizations alike are hoping to end the year with a strong fundraising push. Year-end gifts are a vital part of our budget and a critical source of operating support.

WDC is a nonprofit, and as an all-volunteer run Democratic Club we count well above our budget on the generosity of our members and supporters. Contributions from our members and supporters allow us to host our monthly meetings, support our candidates, and fund our outreach and advocacy efforts. We also rely on contributions from our legislative sponsors, who pay us for tables and panelists, and on our sponsorships and advertisements. We also rely on our members who volunteer their time to support our candidates, our monthly meetings, our Maryland Legislative Agenda, our Maryland Democrat, and the Women's Legislative Briefing.

Here's the opportunity and ask: If you appreciate what WDC's work, please consider making a year-end donation to support our work. Donations can be made at www.womensdemocraticclub.com.

Thank you for your support.
Sincerely,
President

Advocacy Corner

An Opportunity to Support Our Advocacy Work

As we prepare for the next legislative session in Annapolis, we are reflecting on the strong partnerships and advocacy efforts that have mattered most to our members and our community.

This year, we worked closely with Equity Maryland, the Women's Law Center of Maryland, the Maryland Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention, and the Maryland Coalition for Gun Safety on bills to expand protections against gender-based violence, strengthen reproductive rights, and reduce gun violence. These organizations have been trusted partners in advocacy, and their work has been most effective when we have had the capacity to show up consistently and support their priorities.

If you are planning to year-end donations, we hope you will consider supporting the organizations we worked with this year. Their work depends on sustained support, and many of their priorities will be shaped by what happens in Annapolis in the coming months.

If you are able to do so, we hope you will also consider supporting our own advocacy work. Contributions to WDC help us host forums, support our legislative priorities, and keep our members informed and engaged throughout the session.

Thank you for your support and for your work in your community.

Sincerely,
Advocacy Committee

WDC News & Events

Join us at the WDC Holiday Party. Register now. To join WDC click here.

Join WLC advocates for an hour-long virtual training on how to be effective advocates for reproductive rights in the Maryland General Assembly. Date: December 3, 2025 • Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm • Location: Zoom webinar • Contact: Jessica Lewis, Director of Advocacy, jlewis@wlcmd.org • Register at: https://form.jotform.com/243...

Montgomery County Democratic Party Events

Second Annual MD Dems Capitol Hill Update on Wednesday, December 3, starting at 7:00 pm. Meeting will be moderated by Chris Cummings. Confirmed speakers include Senator Jim Rosapepe, Rep. Sarah Wilson, Kweisi Mfume, Jamie Raskin, Glenn Ivey, Sarah Elfreth, and others. Contact Sarah Elfreth to register.

Montgomery County & Maryland News and Events

Make Your Voice Heard at the Governor's Redistricting Advisory Commission Meeting!

Friday, December 5, 4 p.m. via Zoom

Gov. Wes Moore's Redistricting Advisory Commission, chaired by Senator Jim Rosapepe, is seeking public input on the state's congressional map.

Click HERE to learn more about the redistricting issue and how YOU can make your voice heard.

The Commission is a bipartisan, bicameral group of 15 members that will provide recommendations to the governor and legislative leaders. The Commission will hold public hearings and accept testimony on the state's congressional map. Its recommendations will be presented to the governor and legislative leaders by December 15, 2025. The Commission will then dissolve. Maryland voters will have an opportunity to provide their perspective at the next hearing of the Commission on Wednesday, December 3, at 6 p.m.

Gov. Moore's proposal would redraw the state's congressional map to ensure that the GOP is responding to ongoing redistricting efforts in Texas and other states.

To register, click HERE.

County Council approves $1.75M spending package to address shutdown impacts

Money included for food insecurity, housing assistance, LGBTQ+ community services, nonprofits and economic development

By Bethany Rodgers, November 19, 2025
Bethesda Magazine

The Montgomery County Council on Tuesday unanimously decided to add $1.75 million to the county's budget to address the impacts of the federal government shutdown and nonprofit organizations that provide to the government which pay federal actions.

The council unveiled the spending package Oct. 28, when the federal government had been shut down for more than a month and Congress was deadlocked over how to fund programs and services for the rest of the year.

The federal government impacted "Thousands of families and businesses in our county," said Council President Kate Stewart, who introduced the package with Vice President Sidney Katz. Stewart said the money will go back to Montgomery County's social safety net to make ends meet for their residents.

Read the full story in the November 19 issue of Bethesda Magazine.

Creation of Royce Hanson Conservation Park at Broad Run

Of a remarkable programs Montgomery County Parks, the Department of Parks, Planning and Recreation, Conservation Montgomery, and the Montgomery County Parks Foundation, the Montgomery County Parks Foundation, the Montgomery County Parks Foundation,