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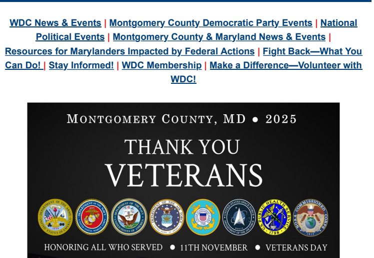
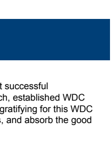


WDC Newsletter — November 1, 2025

President's Letter

On a gorgeous fall morning, October 26, WDC held one of its most successful membership events in recent memory. At our New Members Brunch, established WDC members warmly welcomed more than twenty newcomers. It was gratifying for this WDC President to wander through the gathering, hear the conversations, and absorb the good energy in the room.

After the opportunity for refreshments and socializing, WDC Committee Chairs briefed the attendees on the purpose of each committee. The chairs then led two breakout sessions providing members with the opportunity to learn more about and engage with our work. The committee stations included: Advocacy, Events, Programs, Community Education, Next Gen, Communications, Membership, and Technology.



It was no easy task to bring this event to a close. Before the enthusiastic crowd dispersed, the new members gathered for a group photo to commemorate the occasion and to be recognized. WDC looks forward to seeing how our latest contingent of new members will help us make progress for Democrats and democracy.

For any of our new or established members who couldn't attend on Sunday but want to connect with any of the WDC committees, please send an email of interest to me at wdc@womensdemocraticclub.org. I'll direct any inquiries to the proper committee heads.

Before concluding, I have an urgent call-to-action for WDC members to press Maryland Senators and Senate President Bill Ferguson to move ahead with a special legislative session to address redistricting. The Maryland House leadership is already on board. Maryland must respond in kind to mid-decade redistricting in a growing number of Republican-led states. Trump's pressure on "red states" to "find seats" for 2026 must not go unchallenged. WDC urges immediate action to push back.

Call Senator Bill Ferguson at: 410-841-3600.

Call or email your own Maryland Senator and urge them to push for a special session. You can find your Senator's contact information **HERE**.

Let's join Virginia's Democratic legislators who called for and have already opened a special session to address redistricting. If they can do it, so can Maryland.

This is no time for timidity.

Cynthia Rubenstein
President

WDC New Members Brunch, October 26, 2025

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Montgomery County Democratic Party Events

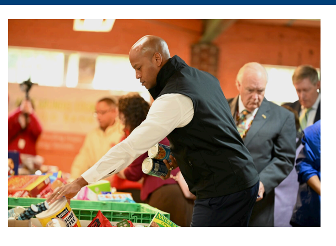
King Street Oyster Bar, 12435 Park Potomac Avenue, Potomac, MD 20854
To register, click **HERE**.

National Political Events

November 4 Is Election Day in Virginia.

WDC wishes the best of luck to Democratic candidate **Abigail Spanberger** in her 2025 Virginia gubernatorial campaign. Running for governor after previously serving as a U.S. Representative for Virginia, she has been recognized for her bipartisan work in Congress and her commitment to Virginia's families and economy.

Montgomery County & Maryland News and Events



Governor Moore Responds to SNAP Benefits Pause with Emergency $10 Million for Food Banks

By Danielle J. Brown, *Maryland Matters*, October 31, 2025

Gov. Wes Moore (D) declared a state of emergency Thursday to send $10 million to food banks, responding to the Trump administration's "human-made" crisis when it said funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will run out in November.

"I understand the weight of what it means to put this state under a state of emergency – when the state of emergency is not a natural disaster, when it is a human-made one," Moore said Thursday at the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. "What's really unfortunate — is that these are actions that the state of Maryland is taking because the actions that the federal government is taking are actively hurting our people."

More than 680,000 low-income Marylanders are set to lose their November benefits from the federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Moore signed an executive order Thursday declaring the state of emergency and directing $10 million in state funds toward meal assistance programs to alleviate the expected surge when SNAP benefits are denied.

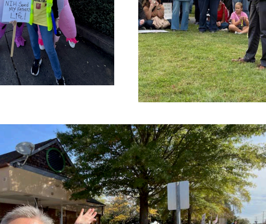
Click HERE to read the whole article.

Editor's note: At press time the SNAP situation is very fluid. According to another *Maryland Matters* article from Friday, October 31, "A federal judge in Boston ruled Friday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's plan to pause a food assistance program for 42 million people was illegal—but gave the Trump administration until Monday to respond to her finding before she decides on a motion to force the benefits to be paid despite the ongoing government shutdown."

Please check our Social Media for updates.

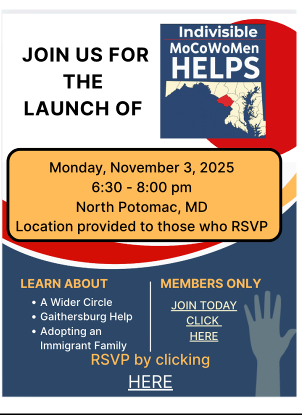
Montgomery County Embraces "No Kings" Movement

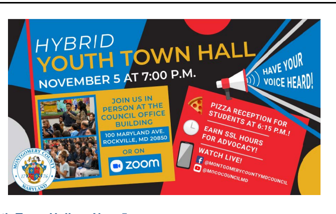
On Saturday, October 18, an estimated 7 million people participated in protests against the Trump Administration at more than 2,700 "No Kings" events in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, according to the planners. Among them were the thousands of people who joined protests in every corner of Montgomery County. Maryland Democratic Senator Chris Van Hollen spoke to an enthusiastic crowd in Bethesda, where he led a call-and-response: "Do we the people bow down to kings?" he asked. "No!" responded the crowd. Also participating in the day of action were many WDC members.



Council President Kate Stewart Outlines Montgomery County's Process to Fill Upcoming At-Large Councilmember Vacancy

Montgomery County Council President Kate Stewart today outlined the process to appoint an at-large councilmember in accordance with the Montgomery County Charter after Councilmember Gabe Albornoz announced that he plans to resign from the Council on December 1, 2025, and will submit an official letter of resignation at that time. Applicants for this Council appointment should submit a letter of interest and resume no later than November. 5, 2025, at 5 pm. Applications must be submitted via email to: council.clerk@montgomerycountymd.gov.





Youth Town Hall on Nov. 5

The Council will host its annual Youth Town Hall on Wednesday, November 5 at 7 pm at the Council Office Building in Rockville. This is a great opportunity for students to come out and share their priorities directly with their local representatives. Listening to the aspirations and priorities of our students helps inform the Council's policymaking. Students will receive student-service learning hours for their participation.

For more information, **click HERE.**

Resources for Marylanders Impacted by Federal Actions

From Council President Kate Stewart

During these unprecedented times, Montgomery County will be a community that works together to support one another. If you are in need of any resources, the Montgomery County Council has compiled a list of resources for a variety of needs on our webpage for all residents. There is also a specific page of resources for workers impacted by recent federal actions. For food-specific resources, you can visit the website of our Office of Food Systems Resilience. Maryland state residents can also find help information **HERE**.

The State has launched the Maryland Public Servants Resource Website, which serves as a centralized hub for programs and resources to support Maryland's federal employees and contractors impacted by federal workforce layoffs, firings, and changes to federal funding.

- **Maryland Public Servants Resource Website**

The Maryland Department of Labor has also launched a new webpage entitled Resources for Maryland's Former Federal Employees and Other Workers Impacted by the Federal Government Transition which provides information on resources like unemployment insurance benefits, career guidance, and reemployment support. The site will be updated as additional details become available.

- **Resources for Maryland's Former Federal Employees and Other Workers Impacted by the Federal Government Transition – Maryland Department of Labor**

Federal government workers who have been fired from their job, or are concerned about their employment, can find free legal support through Rise Up, a network of pro bono attorneys helping federal workers get the justice they deserve.

- **Rise Up – Federal Workers Legal Defense Network**

Other Government Resource Websites

- **Governor Wes Moore's** Maryland Public Servants Resource Website
- **Chris Van Hollen's** Resources for Marylanders Affected by Trump Admin Policies
- **Jamie Raskin's** Resources for Marylanders Affected by Troubling New Trump Administration Policies
- **Montgomery County** Resources for Workers Impacted by Recent Federal Government Actions
- **Montgomery County Council,** United in Service and Support Online Informational Series (virtual information sessions)
- **Maryland Department of Labor,** Resources for Maryland's Former Federal Employees and Other Workers Impacted by the Federal Government Transition, including a virtual workshop designed specifically for former federal employees, federal contractors, and other workers impacted by federal government transition. **See workshop details (información del taller en español) and email FedWorker.Transition@maryland.gov to sign up.**

Fight Back—What You Can Do!
Local & National Events

Indivisible's Weekly WHAT'S THE PLAN? A Weekly Discussion with Indivisible's Co-Founders

Join the **Weekly Zoom Chat with Indivisible Co-founders Ezra Levin and Leah Greenberg,** who will help you wade through the week's news, answer your questions, and provide timely calls to action. Webinars are held every Thursday at 3:00 pm EST.

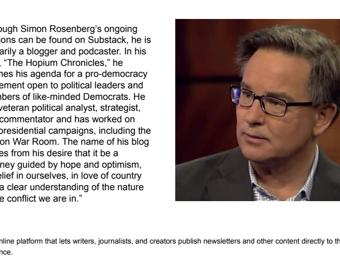
Register HERE.

Community Activism

Below are organizations that plan and administer activities for volunteers. Click on their links to become a volunteer on specific projects, learn about rallies and upcoming events, or get on their email lists.

- Montgomery County Women's Democratic Club (WDC)
- 50501 (FiftyFiftyOneMovement)
- Civic Action Hub
- Commit to Democracy
- Democracy Forward
- Democracy Helpers Now
- DoTheMostGood
- Downtown Nasty Women Social Group
  Five Calls
- Indivisible
- Indivisible MoCoWoMen
- Indivisible Montgomery
- J WalkersAction Group
- LWV (League of Women Voters)
- MCDCC
- MDDEMS
- Mobilize
- NOPE (Neighbors Defending Democracy)
- People Power United
- Silver Spring Progressive Action (SSPA)
- Vote Forward

Stay Informed!



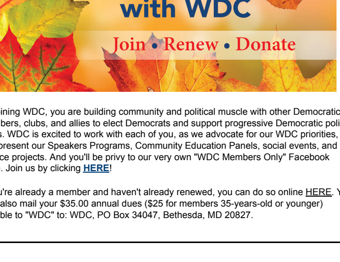
Downtown Nasty Women Social Group (DNWSG) has created **"Trusted Sources,"** a fact-based news source because they believe legacy media has failed the pro-democracy movement. "Trusted Sources" is a live document, and we will continue adding sources and media categories. The goal is to provide a robust list of fact-based investigative journalism while distinguishing between investigative reporting, opinion, and analysis. DNWSG believes staying informed is an act of resistance. **Click HERE** for the current list of "Trusted Sources."

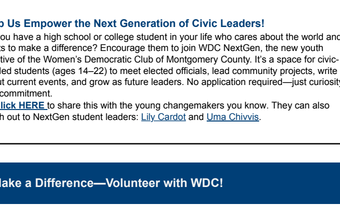
Ideas in Print
Spotlight on a Substack*: Simon Rosenberg, "The Hopium Chronicles"

Although Simon Rosenberg's ongoing opinions can be found on Substack, he is primarily a blogger and podcaster. In his blog, "The Hopium Chronicles," he outlines his agenda for a pro-democracy movement open to political leaders and members of like-minded Democrats. He is a veteran political analyst, strategist, and commentator and has worked on two presidential campaigns, including the Clinton War Room. The name of his blog comes from his desire that it be a "journey guided by hope and optimism, of belief in ourselves, in love of country and a clear understanding of the nature of the conflict we are in."

*An online platform that lets writers, journalists, and creators publish newsletters and other content directly to their audience.

WDC Membership





By joining WDC, you are building community and political muscle with other Democratic members, clubs, and allies to elect Democrats and support progressive Democratic policy goals. WDC is excited to work with each of you, as we advocate for our WDC priorities, and present our Speakers Programs, Community Education Panels, social events, and service projects. And you'll be privy to our very own "WDC Members Only" Facebook page. Join us by clicking **HERE**!

If you're already a member and haven't already renewed, you can do so online HERE. You may also mail your $35.00 annual dues ($25 for members 35-years-old or younger) payable to "WDC" to: WDC, PO Box 34047, Bethesda, MD 20827.

Help Us Empower the Next Generation of Civic Leaders!

Do you have a high school or college student in your life who cares about the world and wants to make a difference? Encourage them to join WDC NextGen, the new youth initiative of the Women's Democratic Club of Montgomery County. It's a space for civic-minded students (ages 14–22) to meet elected officials, lead community projects, write about current events, and grow as future leaders. No application required—just curiosity and commitment.
👉**Click HERE** to share this with the young changemakers you know. They can also reach out to NextGen student leaders: Lily Cardot and Uma Chivvis.

Make a Difference—Volunteer with WDC!

WDC needs you! Can you help us in one of these positions? Not sure what a position entails? Come try it out—no obligation!

- Membership Co-Chair
- Events Committee Member
- Finance Committee Member
- Advocacy Committee Members

Interested? To learn more, please contact Cynthia Rubenstein and make sure to use the subject line: "Volunteering with WDC."

The Events Committee needs members to support its programs and events this year. If you are interested, please send an email to events@womensdemocraticclub.org

Washington, DC Shutdown

To find the latest status updates on attractions, museums, theater, festivals, events and more, click **HERE.**

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