



October 2024

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Next Membership Meeting- October 16th, *Hello Angela Alsobrooks, Goodbye Larry Hogan*

Join us at 7 PM at the Kent Island Public Library for our last meeting before the election! We will hit on a wide-range of discussion topics, including the critical importance of voting for Angela Alsobrooks in the Maryland senate race (and why *not* voting for Larry Hogan is equally important). There will likely be election tasks that we need help with in order to get out every vote that we can!

Scroll down and read *The Senate Needs to Stay Blue: Vote for Angela Alsobrooks in Maryland*.

Upcoming Events

Fabulous *Democracy on the Water Fundraiser*
Fundraiser- Saturday, October 5th, 2 - 5 PM

Come join us for a wonderful afternoon of live music, food, drinks, and guest

speakers at a gorgeous waterfront setting at Blue Heron Landing in Stevensville. This event is back by popular demand and sponsored by the QAC Democratic Central Committee. Ticket price \$75. Sponsor tickets available. Purchase your tickets at www.qacdcc.org.

DEMOCRACY ON THE WATER
fundraiser

Live music, food, drinks, invited guest speakers, a gorgeous waterfront setting, and your friends from the Democratic party!

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BLUE HERON LANDING
STEVENSVILLE

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DEMOCRATS

Tickets at www.qacdcc.org!

The poster features a dark blue background with white text and graphics. At the top, the title 'DEMOCRACY ON THE WATER' is in a serif font, with 'fundraiser' in a cursive script below it. A line of text describes the event: 'Live music, food, drinks, invited guest speakers, a gorgeous waterfront setting, and your friends from the Democratic party!'. The date and time are prominently displayed in the center: 'OCTOBER 5 2-5 PM 2024'. Below this, the location 'BLUE HERON LANDING STEVENSVILLE' is listed. The Queen Anne's County Democrats logo is centered, flanked by two identical decorative elements: a musical staff with notes, a heron, and reeds, with four stars below each. At the bottom, the ticket information 'Tickets at www.qacdcc.org!' is provided.

Free Holiday Party *Save the Date!*

Mark your calendars for our fabulous holiday party on Wednesday, December 4th. More information to come!

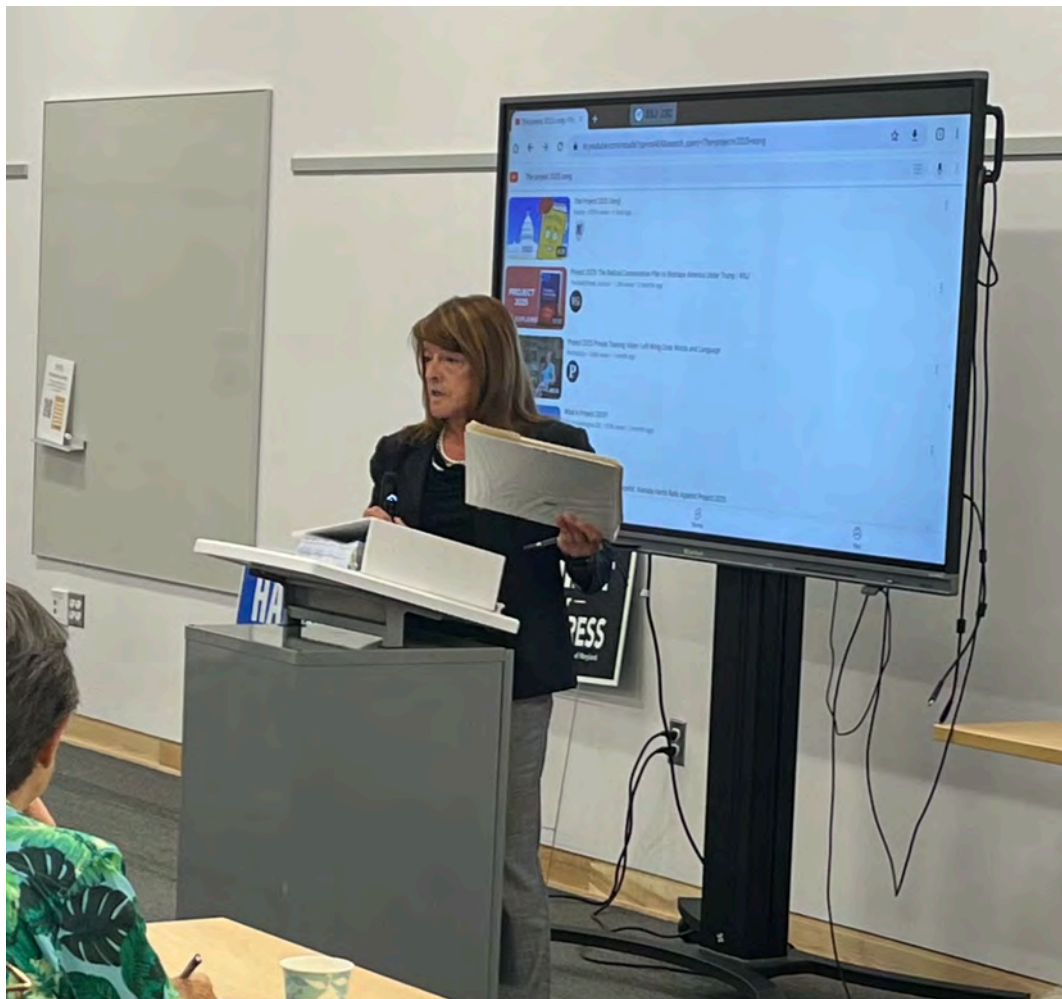
Recent Club Events

September 18th, Get Out the Vote Membership Meeting

We had a packed room for our September 18th membership meeting. People are

fired up about the election. Elaine McNeil spoke about voting efforts. Our guest speaker, Connie Kratovil-Lavelle, did a great presentation about Project 2025. Lastly, Dorotheann Sadusky spoke about the Blue Dot project.





Labor Day Grasonville Community Center Parade and Celebration

Oh what fun! We had a large crowd for our walk and booth, and showed our support for Angela Alsobrooks!



Pondtown Day, September 14th

Pondtown Day was an excellent event! Folks were excited about picking up election signs and finding out more about the candidates, while enjoying the booths, hearing the music, and winning prizes. Thank you to Jean Dearden, Virginia Patterson, Carol D'agostino, Sonnie Kelly, and Julia Krebs, along with others, for your help.



Blue Pumpkin Painting at the Dem Club Office

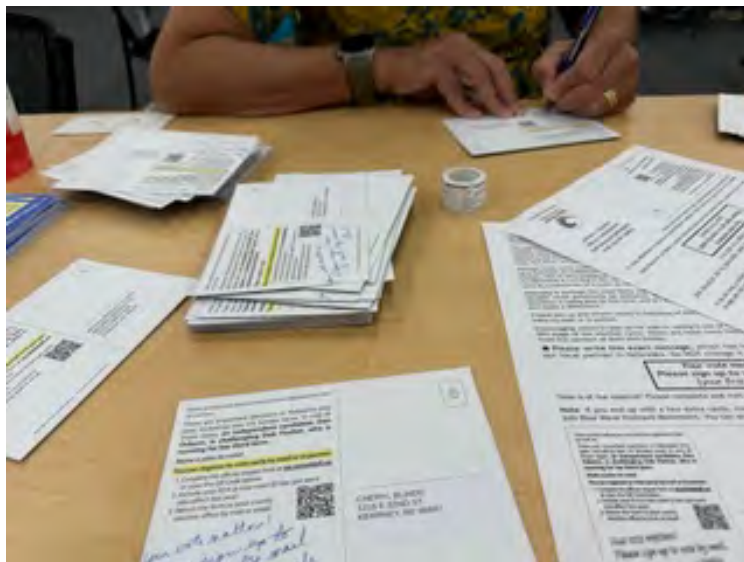
A big thank you to everyone who participated in our Free Blue Pumpkin Painting Party on September 28th at the headquarters of the Democratic Club of Queen Anne's County in Queenstown. More than 20 beautiful blue pumpkins are headed to a neighborhood near you.

Thank you to Miranda Morris and Andrea Alduino who helped with set-up, and to Linda Whitcomb, who donated pumpkins. And a huge thank you to Carol D'Agostino for the inspiration and coordination!!

If you missed this event, but would like to host an October Blue Pumpkin Painting Party at our Headquarters or do a house party, contact Carol D'Agostino at (410) 604-2319 or caroldag1@atlanticbb.net for more info. Put "Blue Pumpkins" in the subject line.



Election Related



Less than 35 Days, can YOU HELP with any of the following (DCC - Democratic Central Committee)

- Let's keep the office open, drop-ins increasing with the excitement about the three democratic candidates in the upcoming election
- Contact your family and friends to get out the vote
- Write postcards to neighborhoods
- Write postcards to SWING STATES - we can show you how
- Provide Supplies and Stamps
- Donate to local efforts
- Provide refreshments
- Help sell tickets? **Saturday October 5 Celebrate Democracy on the Water - details coming soon - Invited guests - Ken Ulman, Angela Alsobrooks, Blane Miller**

Grassroots Neighborhood Effort

We have 5,000 newly arrived postcards that are meant for getting the vote out locally. Organize a postcard writing event for your neighbors! The postcards can be picked up from the QAC Democratic office at 121 Clay Dr., Queenstown. We not only need help writing the personalized message (we will provide the script), but donations needed for postage as well. Reach out to Elaine McNeil elainemcneil101@gmail.com, Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com, or Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com

Let's Meet Up!

First Saturday Open House Drop In

Join us each month until the election. We'll supply the coffee, munchies, and conversation. We can use volunteers for postcards, training, and brainstorming. Open House is at the Dem office, 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown, from 10- AM to 1 PM.

RSVP 443-262-1310 by text or call.

Thursday Think Tank-Work Group

Got Ideas? We need you to help us get out the vote. We'll talk about messaging, key groups, graphics, tactics

Lend a Hand

Important: Office Help Needed!!

We need help keeping our QAC Dem Club office open during the week as people are dropping by to write postcards, get signs and make donations. Please consider giving a couple of hours during the week. We are shooting for Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm. Call Elaine McNeil at 443-262-1310

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Booths at events like Centreville Friday nights and Kent Island Farmers Market need helpers - **we need you** to interact with potential members and Dem voters!

Volunteers are needed to help us with our strategies to get out the vote and connect with independents.

Contact Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com, Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com, or Elaine McNeil elainemcneil101@gmail.com to help!

Be a Community-Neighborhood Captain!

This 2024 Election for President, Senator and House of Representative is vital. In QAC, we are recruiting people like you to spread the word among our 11000+ Democrats to come out and vote. The way we can do this is to reach out by postcard, text, or phone to your Democratic neighbors and encourage them to make a plan to vote in November. Only 58% of Democrats in QA voted in 2022. *We can do*

better.

We will give you help, as Captain, with messages, postcards and your list of Democratic neighbors. Please contact Ryan Holdgreve, rholdgreve@hotmail.com, if you would like a list of the Democrats in your area.

Join our Planning Committee (Board)!

We have openings for our 2024 QAC Democratic Club Planning Group (Board). It's a small but mighty group. With the 2024 election approaching, we could use additional members to help us think through events. We do a mix of political and social efforts, and have lots of fun in the process. Please connect with Andrea Alduino (4hgsleader@gmail.com) or Merle Schwartz (merleschwartz@me.com).

Jump In!

Help candidates, write postcards, computer entry, filing, greeting people at outreach events like Centreville Days, KI Farmers market and more. Contact Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com, Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com, or Elaine McNeil elainemcneil101@gmail.com.

It's Political!

The Senate Needs to Stay Blue: Vote for Angela Alsobrooks in Maryland

In July 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court vastly expanded the power of the President of the United States. According to the ruling of the six Republican-appointed Justices, “the nature of Presidential power requires that a former President have some immunity from criminal prosecution for official acts during his tenure in office. At least with respect to the President’s exercise of his core constitutional powers, this immunity must be absolute.” The Court went on to state that “[a]s for his remaining official actions, he is also entitled to immunity. At the current stage of proceedings in this case, however, we need not and do not decide whether that immunity must be absolute, or instead whether a presumptive immunity is sufficient.” [23-939 Trump v. United States \(07/01/2024\)](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/23pdf/23-939_Trump_v_United_States_07012024) ([supremecourt.gov](https://www.supremecourt.gov)).

Dissenting Justices Sotomayor, Kagan and Jackson were blunt in their assessment of the majority holding, stating that the “decision to grant former Presidents criminal immunity reshapes the institution of the Presidency. It makes a mockery of the principle, foundational to our Constitution and system of Government, that no man is above the law.” Not holding back, the dissenting Justices concluded that the majority holding “will have disastrous consequences for the Presidency and for our democracy.” https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/23pdf/23-939_e2pg.pdf.

While the full ramifications of the Supreme Court's decision may only be known to future generations, what is known now is that there is little meaningful check on a President's enormous powers. One of the few remaining checks may be the Senate of the United States Congress. Under Article II, Section II of the U.S. Constitution, the President cannot appoint cabinet members and Justices of the Supreme Court without the consent of the Senate. [The Constitution of the United States: A Transcription | National Archives](#).

Under various laws currently in place, principal officers of the United States must also have Senate approval. <https://www.senate.gov/about/powers-procedures/nominations.htm>. In addition, only the Senate has the authority to remove the President from office on impeachment for and conviction of treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors.

The person elected President in November 2024 will have enormous consequences for both the United States and the rest of the world. It will matter who the next President nominates for the cabinet, especially for Attorney General. Having experienced the reversal of Roe v. Wade, and the grant of absolute immunity to Donald Trump for all his "core" constitutional powers official acts, it will certainly matter who the next President nominates for the next Supreme Court vacancy.

A Republican majority in the Senate would make it hard for a President Harris to govern. Given the history of the Republican majority during the first Trump administration, a possibly elected Trump will rule without boundaries. By contrast, a democratically led Senate would help a President Harris to govern effectively and may well be the only check in a second Trump Administration.

Former Governor Hogan is running ads emphasizing his independent approach, his desire to "fix" broken politics, and his desire to find "common ground." <https://larryhogan.com/why-im-running/>. But likeability, personal history, and advertisements do not really matter. Mr. Hogan will vote with his Republican colleagues.

What does matter is to vote and to vote strategically. Only a Senator Alsobrooks will help keep the Senate in Democratic hands, and only a Democratically-led Senate will serve its constitutional purpose.

Calendar

October

5th - Democracy on the Water Fundraiser (QAC Democratic Central Committee is organizer)

16th - Monthly Club meeting at Kent Island Public Library, 7 PM

19th - Centreville Days, includes QAC Dem table

November

20th - Monthly Club meeting at Kent Island Public Library, 7 PM

29th - Start of the Silent Auction online fundraiser

December

4th - Free Holiday Party Dinner and Festivities

18th - Monthly Club meeting at Kent Island Public Library, 7 PM

Support the Cause

Help Us Find New Members

Share our website with friends! <http://qacdems.org>

Renew Your Membership Today!

We still have much to do to turn the tide blue right here in Queen Anne's County. Let us continue the course TOGETHER to build a solid foundation for future elections

We hope that you will continue to support our Democratic Club to fight for justice, equality, and opportunity by renewing your [membership](#) in the Democratic Club of Queen Anne's County or joining for the first time. Your dues help to cover the Club's outreach efforts, special events, materials, printing, and postage. Annual dues are only \$35/household, \$20/individual, or \$10/student. Renew at <http://qacdems.org>

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**Set up a *recurring donation* through
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