



August 2025

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Quick Peek at What's Coming Up

August

- 7th - Action Club meeting at the Dem office, 121 Clay Dr., Queenstown
- 11th - 16th: QAC County Fair, Democratic Booth, [VOLUNTEER HERE](#)
- 20th - Meet candidate George Walsh, opposition to Andy Harris District 1, Kent Island Library, 7 PM

September

- 1st - Labor Day Parade
- 2nd - Yummy Takeout Dinner Fundraiser, Dem office, 121 Clay Dr., Queenstown,, 4:30-6:30 PM [ORDER](#)
- 17th - Hot Topic Membership Meeting at Kent Island Library, 7:00 PM
- 20th - Coffee Meetup at A Little Lovely Coffee House, Queenstown, 10 AM - noon

[August 20th - Meet a Second Candidate, George Walsh, opposing Andy Harris!](#)

We had a fabulous turnout at our June membership meeting to meet candidate Dan Schwartz, running against Andy Harris, District 1. Join us on August 20th to meet a second registered candidate, George Walish, also running to unseat Andy Harris. The meeting will be at 7 PM, Kent Island Library.

Eastern Shore resident and longtime business executive George M. Walish Jr. has filed with the Maryland State Board of Elections as a Democratic candidate for Maryland's 1st Congressional District, formally launching his campaign to unseat Republican Rep. Andy Harris in the 2026 election.

Walish, of Earleville, is a former senior executive at BMW of North America and a former elected commissioner of the Town of St. Michaels, Walish brings decades of leadership across education, labor, and industry to his first bid for federal office.

"I believe we can do better—for our working families, for the health of the Chesapeake Bay, and for the small towns and rural communities that make this district special," Walish said. "I'm running to bring open, honest, and accountable leadership to Washington—and to make sure the voices of Eastern Shore and upper Baltimore County residents are heard."

Come join us for another informative evening!

Democratic Club of
QUEEN ANNE'S
COUNTY

All are welcome for our
**AUGUST
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

With guest speaker:
GEORGE WALLISH, JR.
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
FOR CONGRESS, DISTRICT 1
RUNNING TO OUTSEAT
ANDY HARRIS!

Wednesday, August 20th, 7pm
Kent Island Library, 200 Library Circle, Stevensville
Light refreshments provided
qacdems.org

For more information, or to make a hot topic suggestion, contact Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com, or Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com.

More Upcoming Events

QAC County Fair – PLEASE VOLUNTEER to Help at our Dem Booth Aug.10 - 17th!



There's nothing like summertime and the local county fair!

We need volunteers to help man our booth throughout the week of August 10th - 17th. IT'S A LOT OF FUN! Each shift is only two hours. We usually have four people running the booth. Our volunteers help kids win prizes, answer questions, and engage in interesting conversation with folks that stop by. We also need folks to help set up before the fair begins and pack up at the end. Easy peasy!

*****To sign up for a shift, go to qacdemts.org and **please sign up [HERE](#) and/or contact Andrea Alduino at 410-310-0573.**



September 2nd Yummy Take-out Dinner Fundraiser

On September 2nd, we will be providing delicious homestyle meals from Humble Hearts Catering out of Centreville, including

- Guava Chicken BBQ meal for 4,
- Fall Focaccia Pizza (vegetarian option available) for 2,
- Butternut Squash Soup (32 oz), and
- Cornbread Shortcake Dessert to share.

Pickup will be at the Dem Club office in Queenstown from 4:30-6:30 pm. . Thank you for supporting our Dem Club! **Orders must be placed by Thursday, August 28th, 4:00 PM.**

Order [Here!](#)

	 <p><i>Dinner Fundraiser</i></p>	
<p>From the Table to the Ballot! Support Your Local Democratic Club with Dinner & Dessert From Humble Hearts Catering & Events! Ordering Closes on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.</p>		
	<p>Visit qacdems.org -or- humbleheartsevents.com/ dcqa fundraiser to order!</p>	

September 1 Labor Day Parade and Activities



GRASONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL



LABOR DAY PARADE



SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

**5601 MAIN ST
GRASONVILLE, MD**

**PARADE STARTS AT 12PM
LINE UP STARTS AT 9:30AM**

**To RSVP for Parade contact
Val (443) 945-4313
RSVP BY 8/16**

Following the Parade
Join us for an afternoon of
vendors, delicious food, Corn
Hole, music, a 50/50 Raffle, Line
Dancing with Theresa, and lots of
fun for all ages!

**To RSVP for Vendor Tables
or Corn Hole contact
Tina (410) 699-1414
RSVP by 8/16**

Coffee Meetup, September 20th, at A Little Lovely Coffee House, Queenstown

Come join us on Saturday, September 20th, for a bit of Democrat camaraderie. No RSVP necessary. We each buy our own and share in the conversation at A Little Lovely Coffee House located within the Queenstown Premium Outlets (near the Gap). A little laughter goes a long way right now!



Recent Events

July 4th Pop-up Protest Against Tyranny!! 10-11:00 AM, Dem Office

On July 4th the Dem Club hosted a sign waving event and made some Good Trouble, enough so that someone in the community felt the need to make a complaint about us! We plan on doing more sign waving events. Watch your Club emails for updated information!



Tacos for Democracy Takeout Dinner, July 21st

Working with El Jefe, we had a pop-up Tacos for Democracy takeout dinner on July 21st. We thank everyone who participated. The donations help our Dem Club do the good work we are dedicated to, and hopefully everyone enjoyed having an answer to the endless question, *What's for Dinner?*

Ice Cream Social, July 24th

Our annual free Ice Cream Social was held on Thursday, July 24 outside the Queen Anne's County Democratic office, 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown. Ice cream was provided by Isiah's Ice Cream Delights, and was absolutely delightful!

Indie-folk singer-songwriter [Danah Denice](#) of Stevensville was our featured musician. She was fantastic to listen to.





Action Group Update from Cindy Miller

The Action group folks have been busy with rallies, showing good representation at the recent local Good Trouble events (Annapolis and Cambridge). The next meeting is Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 PM at the Democratic Office, 121 Clay Dr., Queenstown.

QAC Democratic Central Committee (DCC)

Candidates in Every Race

50% of all offices held in the US Republicans win without any opposition. Don't let that happen in QAC. If you decide to run, we will all support you!

- Check out the website qacdcc.org. Click on the **HOME** button and it brings up the 2025 - 2026 races and what is required of candidates. *It does not have to be all at your own expense*
- Help candidates too. Hold a party, introduce our candidates to friends and family. Fundraise for them. If you have interest, call Elaine at 443 262 1310.
- **Roots to Results-** What is this?? YOU and all the active Democrats are part

of the “grassroots” of the Democratic Party. We need your input on what the Democratic Party should look like in **QAC**

- Help us reach out to neighbors and friends and keep them informed. Call to sign up to be a **Communicator** at 443-262-1310.

Protesting on the Shore: Bring a sign and show solidarity

Where can you attend three protests in eight days, and eat ice cream with like-minded souls? On Maryland's Eastern Shore, of course!

Thoughts from veteran activist and board member Marti MacKenzie

As the Trump administration continues its overreach to destroy all that is good and kind about our country, citizens are speaking up and taking to the streets. More and more protest rallies from major blue cities to small red communities are happening, often as immediate reactions to the growing chaos and cruelty from D.C.

The Eastern Shore is not remaining quiet, despite having elected one of Congress' most dangerous radical-right MAGA Trump devotees. There were issue-focused rallies beginning in the spring, from “Hands Off,” “No Kings,” and “50 rallies in 50 states in one day.” The national progressive non-profit Indivisible has provided the framework to make organizing in communities easier with Indivisible groups formed in Worchester, Talbot and Caroline Counties, Salisbury(DelMarVa), Cambridge, and Kent Island (Eastern Shore Indivisible), among others.

Although the various activities on the Eastern Shore are still lacking one umbrella coordinating group, you can check all the websites to receive information and alerts. For instance, from July 17-25 I managed to attend a general sign-waving event in Cambridge, a protest at an Andy Harris fundraiser scheduled in Trappe (they heard we were coming, moved to Cambridge, and we followed), and a large protest in Easton demanding the release of a local pastor who was detained by ICE. The same week, our QA Dems ate ice cream, shared stories, and re-energized.

Yes, Protests Can Bring Change

Many of us grew up in the Vietnam-era and got our feet wet protesting an end to the war and the military-industrial complex. We did make a difference that brought an end to that war. We knew protesting had value and have taken to the streets since in support of civil rights, climate justice, and gun violence. Even the far-right made effective uses of protest as part of the Tea Party and right-to-life movement.

Seasoned activists realize, however, that protests are only effective as part of a goal-driven movement. Professor Michael Lipsky wrote an influential article titled “Protest as a Political Resource,” in which he argued that successful movements have clear strategic goals, seek to enlist more powerful individuals in their cause, and connect expressions of discontent to broader political and electoral mobilization. (<https://www.mobilize.us/cambridgeindivisible/event/760319/?>

It just takes 3.5 percent

David Robson wrote for the BBC that nonviolent protests are twice as likely to succeed as armed conflicts. In 1986, millions of Filipinos took to the streets of Manila in peaceful protest and prayer in the People Power Movement. The Marcos' regime folded on the fourth day. Protests resulted in the ousters of leaders in Sudan, Algeria and Georgia. At least 3.5 percent of Egyptians protested in the early 2010s, sparking the Arab Spring. The Center for American Progress is among those who conclude that if 3.5 percent of Americans – 12 million people – mobilize to peacefully protest the authoritarian actions of the Trump Administration it would virtually be impossible for the government to ignore their demands.

In my case, I am a Unitarian Universalist pacifist who follows the teachings of Gandhi. I cannot sit by and watch injustices without doing something. I write letters, make phone calls, sign petitions, canvas, work campaigns, lobby Congress, and protest against social injustices. I have been arrested in four different actions in our nation's capitol and traveled to other states for political actions.

I have talked to many concerned citizens on the Eastern Shore who share my concerns; "What can we do?," they say. As a Democratic group, we can provide opportunities to "do something." We have postcard writing and data-entry for our mailing list most every Tuesday at QAC Dems headquarters in Queenstown; we promote the monthly sign-waving resistance protests in Centreville (second Saturdays, 9-10:30 am); have tabling events at celebrations like Juneteenth and the county fair; we have introduction, support and training workshops for candidates; our meetings feature speakers on issues and candidates for offices; and we can highlight protests that members can attend.

There were some who felt the mass gatherings around the Harris-Walz campaigns were not that effective with voters, but they were important as part of a goal-driven campaign. Now the resistance campaign against global chaos, human suffering, and the demise of rule-of-law must continue. Peaceful protests show solidarity and can be an effective weapon. All it takes is making a sign and showing up. See you there.



Author Marti MacKenzie

Sign Waves and Protests for Eastern Shore



Join your fellow Eastern Shore Dems for sign waves up and down Rt. 50 to greet the tens of thousands of people traveling to the beach each weekend. Let's show 'em

what we think of Donald Trump and the Republicans that enable him.

On Friday evenings there will be waving to beach bound traffic in Talbot County from 5:30 - 7:00 PM.

On Sunday evenings, there will be waving to bridge bound traffic in Queen Anne's County from 6-8:00 PM.

More locations will be coming soon up and down Rt. 50!

Sign up for any sign waves you want to join. Once you sign up, further details will be sent to you.

Sign up now: <http://www.mobilize.us/mddems/event/815704/>

Editorial: The OBBBA is Big, But Cutting Supplemental Food Benefits for Kids is Not Beautiful

The Secretary of Agriculture maintains that the Administration's One Big Beautiful Bill Act, signed into law on July 4, 2025, ([H.R.1 - 119th Congress \(2025-2026\): One Big Beautiful Bill Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)) "realigns" the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to the President's "mission of cutting waste, fraud and abuse across the federal bureaucracy." According to the Secretary, the revised rules will "incentivize" states to distribute SNAP funds only to those who qualify and will expand work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents. As the Secretary puts it, "[w]elfare should be a helping hand not a pathway to lifelong dependency." <https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/06/30/icymi-secretary-rollins-op-ed-newsweek-farmers-win-one-big-beautiful-bill>.

SNAP recipients who are able-bodied adults without dependents already had work-related requirements in addition to having to meet SNAP work registration, employment and income eligibility requirements. OBBBA eligibility revisions change already existing work requirements for these individuals (80 hours a month or 20 hours a week) to include able-bodied adults who are 65 years old and younger (prior law was age 55 and younger) and parents with dependents age 14 and older (prior law exempted parents with a child under the age of 18). In addition, the new law generally requires homeless individuals, veterans, and certain foster care individuals to meet the new work requirements. Foster care individuals are those who are 24 years old or younger and were in foster care on the date of attaining age 18.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1>

Cost-sharing revisions under the new law include shifting costs from the federal to the state government. Under prior law, administrative costs of the program were split 50-50 between the federal and state governments and the federal government paid for the actual benefit. Under the new law, the state will pay 75% of administrative costs and up to 15% of the benefit depending upon the state's payment error rate.

Of the more than 680,000 Maryland residents that now depend in part on supplemental food benefits, more than 270,000 are children.

<https://marylandmatters.org/2025/07/11/state-officials-advocates-map-out-a-grim-future-for-> (July 11, 2025). As Governor Moore observed shortly before the OBBBA was signed into law, SNAP supports approximately one in nine Marylanders helping families put food on the table.”

<https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press/pages/governor-moore-statement-on-the-us-senate%E2%80%99s-passage-of-the-federal-budget-reconciliation-bill.aspx>

Congressman Harris supported the OBBBA, observing that the “Welfare Reform & Work Requirements” were “significantly tightened” while making its way through the House of Representatives, and that the bill, as enacted, cuts waste, fraud and abuse in the food stamp program. <https://harris.house.gov/media/press-releases/one-big-beautiful-bill-secures-major-wins-american-people>.

Nobody supports waste, fraud, and abuse. It is not clear though that any of the 270,000 Maryland children who may be affected by the SNAP changes – or their parents and caregivers - engaged in any such conduct. It is also not clear that children were an important consideration in the Administration’s zeal to reduce benefits. Sending any child to bed or to school hungry is something to be actively avoided – not just collateral damage in the effort to offset the cost of giving tax breaks to the country’s biggest earners.

Let’s Meet Up!

Join a Short-term Planning Committee or Action Activity!! Volunteer!

Is your thing helping with events? Contributing cookies? Making phone calls? Being a helping hand at an event? Read this newsletter and/or come to the meetings and volunteer to help, maybe on just one thing. Every little bit helps!

We need help supporting future candidates, computer entry, filing, greeting people at outreach events like Centreville Day, KI Farmers market, and more. Contact Merle Schwartz merleschwartz@me.com, Andrea Alduino 4hgsleader@gmail.com, or Elaine McNeil elainemcneil101@gmail.com.

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](#) for 2025 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>

Donate Today

Set up a *recurring donation* through ActBlue to help support the Queen Anne's County Democrats. Recurring donations help us keep our *county headquarters*, lend support to local *democratic candidates*, and maintain a *presence in our community*. \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20.... a month will help keep the office open! Visit qacdcc.org for more information Recurring donation? Click on [ActBlue](#)

If you would like to make a donation to the QAC Democratic Club, an easy way to do it is either through our [website](#) or use the QR Code below.



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Pro-Democracy News Sources (source: Indivisible) and Resources

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Install the app 5 Calls!

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Independent Writers

Heather Cox Richardson (Letters from an American)

Robert Hubbell (Today's Edition Newsletter)

Jessica Craven (Chop Wood, Carry Water)

Joyce Vance (Civil Discourse)

Jamelle Bouie (The New York Times, but also on TikTok)

Timothy Snyder (historian focused on democracy and authoritarianism)

Marc Elias (Democracy Docket)

Mehdi Hasan (Zeteo)

Osita Nwanevu (The New Republic)

Michael Podhorzer

Brian Beutler, Dan Pfeiffer ("The Message Box")

Podcasts & New Media

Politics Girl

The Bulwark Podcast

MeidasTouch / "Legal AF"

Pitchfork Economics

Majority Report with Sam Seder

Deep State Radio (The DSR Network)

SiriusXM Progress Channel 127

Media Matters

Traditional & Mainstream News Outlets

MSNBC

NPR

BBC

PBS

The Guardian

Mother Jones

Rolling Stone

The Atlantic

ProPublica

The American Prospect

The New Republic

Harper's

Fact-Checking & Media-Bias Resources

AllSides (Media Bias ratings)

Ad Fontes Media (Interactive Media Bias Chart)

Media Bias/Fact Check

FactCheck.org, PolitiFact, Snopes, Reuters Fact Check

Ground News (bias checker feature)

Other Notable Mentions

Democracy Now! for progressive-leaning coverage

Daily Kos (community-driven political news)

Talking Points Memo, The Intercept for deep investigative or policy-focused content

Pod Save family (Crooked Media), focusing on progressive politics and activism

Local / State News: Some recommended tracking state legislative news via



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