



September 2025

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Quick Peek at What's Coming Up

September

- 1st - Labor Day Parade
- 2nd - Yummy Takeout Dinner Fundraiser, Dem office, 121 Clay Dr., Queenstown,, 4:30-6:30 PM
- 4th - Action Group meeting, 6:30 PM at the Dem office
- 13th -Talk-Back Rural Tour, 1:30-3:00 PM, Queen Anne's Library, Centreville
- 13th - Pondtown Community Day, 1801 Dudley Corners Rd., Millington, 11 AM - 1:00 PM
- 13th - Monthly sign waving in front of the Old Courthouse, Centreville, 9 -10:30 AM
- 17th - Membership Meeting at Kent Island Library, 7:00 PM
- 20th - Coffee Meetup at A Little Lovely Coffee House, Queenstown, 10 AM - noon

October

- 15th - Hot Topic Membership Meeting at Kent Island Library, 7:00 PM

[September 17th Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM at the Kent Island Library- potential candidate speaker](#)

We are working on securing another potential candidate for our September membership meeting. Like our last two speakers, this person is a Democrat who seeks to run against Andy Harris, District 1. Stay tuned to future emails from us. We'll keep you on posted on our September 17th meeting agenda.

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

[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!](#)



*Dinner
Fundraiser*

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.



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to order!



[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**

Talk-Back Tour with our State Party, [September 13th](#), QAC Library, Centreville

Please sign up and attend this meeting to express your ideas about what appeals to voters in this county. Election 2026 is around the corner. SIGN UP at [MDDEMS.org](https://www.mddeems.org) and look for Queen Anne's TBT (Take Back Tour).



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

[QAC County Fair – Aug.10 - 17th](#)

First, thank you to all the folks who volunteered to manage our QAC Democratic Book at the QAC Fair! Each of you is much appreciated.

Everyone who helped had a a different experience, depending on the time of the shift and the day. There were some folks who stopped by who were newish to the county and interested in affiliating with Democratic activity. There were also some former or questioning Republicans who stopped by, either to express concern for the direction of the country, or to ask questions about the Democratic perspective. There is much work to be done as we head towards the 2026 election a little over a year from now.

This year, our booth shared important data and information about what Democrats stand for and what the harm has been to date because of the current administration. Next year we will add information about the candidates running in opposition to the local and national Republican scene.





Eastern Shore Community Town Hall with Senator Chris Van Hollen

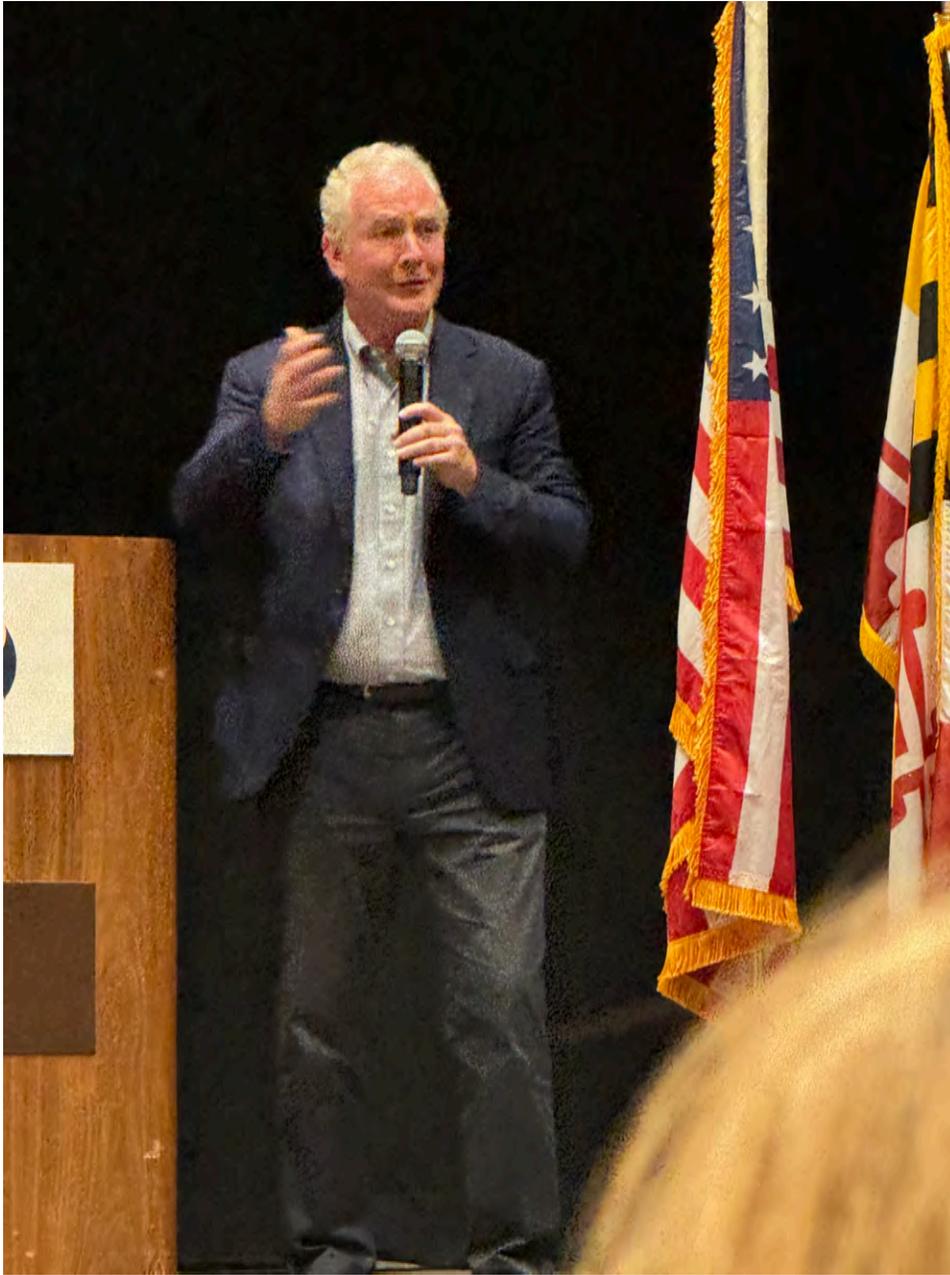
A Town hall was held on August 14th at Chesapeake College that featured Senator Chris Van Hollen. Senator Alsobrooks was unable to attend due to a positive COVID diagnosis.

Senator Van Hollen spoke for just about an hour. He spoke with important information as well as with passion. His initial comment was a positive reflection about seeing a “roomful of patriots.” Here are a few of the points that he highlighted:

- Democracy is under threat
- Our president said that he did not believe in the Constitution
- The withholding of funds has been in violation of the law
- Regarding Republicans in Congress, when Trump says *jump*, they say, *how high?*
- The ‘Big Beautiful Bill’ is ‘*insane policy*’ that should be called the ‘Traitor Bill’.
- Regarding the deportation efforts, they ARE NOT deporting only the “worst of the worst” and there is violation of due process rights
- He worries about the Department of Justice
- Regarding the Eastern Shore, he worries about care for the Chesapeake Bay, the seafood industry, agriculture, and internet connection
- Regarding redistricting- we need to do what it takes to be sure we have enough people in Congress to get rid of the ‘Big Beautiful Bill’. This bill has the deep cuts that will bring a 4 trillion dollar deficit and benefit only the rich
- Our country has been so strong in the past because of our investment in science (Trump decimating)
- The president is abusing and committing fraud to make a lot of personal money. There is so much corruption

The Senator concluded with the plea that people do not give up. We have to keep at

it and push back at every juncture. We need to support those who stand up against the administration!



Senator Chris Van Hollen at the Town Hall on August 14th, 2025.

[August 20th Membership Meeting with Candidate, George Walsh, opposing Andy Harris, District 1](#)

We had an informative August membership meeting with candidate George Walsh, who hopes to run against Andy Harris, District 1. There was great turnout and a very lively Q&A session after George's formal words.

George is an Eastern Shore resident and longtime business executive. He is a former senior executive at BMW of North America and a former elected commissioner for St. Michaels, MD.



George Walsh



Action Group Update from Cindy Miller

The Action Group folks have been busy attending rallies and making signs. At our last meeting, we had a very fruitful discussion about the importance of local elections and how to get our agenda enacted at the local level, and especially how to engage voters from all over the county and district. We **MUST** defeat Andy Harris in 2026.

Our regular meetings are the first Thursday of every month, with the next one happening on September 4th, 6:30 PM, at the Democratic Office, 121 Clay Dr., Queenstown.

QAC Democratic Central Committee (QACDCC)

We hope you will sign up for the Talk-Back Tour (see above under More Upcoming Events) and at the Labor Day Parade and event at the Grasonville Community Center on September 1st.

We need office help at our Dem office, 121 Clay Drive, Queenstown (near the Royal Farms). Stop by Tuesdays 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Thursdays from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, or Saturdays from 10:00 AM - noon. If you have a laptop and some computer skills, we can really use that help as well.

See [QACDCC.org](https://www.qacdcc.org) for information on upcoming events, openings, and a list of local races for 2026.

The QAC DCC meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month at the office. We begin at 7:00 PM.

Where's Andy?

Published in The Baltimore Sun by Paul Honigberg, August 21, 2025

In an opinion piece published in the Sun on July 28, 2025, Congressman Andy Harris (R-Md.) attempted to justify his support of the so-called “One Big Beautiful Bill Act.” Andy wrote that “Marylanders deserve the truth about the One Big Beautiful Bill – and they’re not getting it from the mainstream media.”

Marylanders certainly deserve the truth. But it is clear they are not getting it from Congressman Harris.

This bill extends the Trump tax cuts enacted in 2017 for another 10 years, until 2034. It represents a huge transfer of wealth and benefits from those at the lower end of the income spectrum to those at the upper end. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) concluded that the top 10 percent of earners in the country will see an average income boost of \$13,600 per year over the next decade as a direct result of provisions in this law, while the bottom 10 percent will see an average annual decrease to their income of \$1,200.

According to the CBO, the bill will have the following effects:

- It is expected to increase the federal deficit by \$3.4 trillion over 10 years. When interest payments of \$700 billion are added, the bill will increase the federal deficit over that same period by a total of \$4.1 trillion.
- Approximately 10 million Americans will lose their health care coverage, primarily due to cuts in the Medicaid program.
- Reductions in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits due to funding cuts and changes to eligibility, including expanded work requirements and added administrative hurdles, will significantly reduce access to food assistance for millions of Americans.

To see **the rest** of Paul’s published opinion piece, and *The Truth about the bill*, go to <https://www.baltimoresun.com/2025/08/21/andy-harris-big-beautiful-bill/>

Heartbreaking Transportation cuts hit home in GOP districts including Eastern Shore

Check out this [article published by Politico](#), authored by Chris Marquette and Sam Ogozalek, examining the ‘Big Beautiful Bill’ infrastructure impact in communities represented by Republican senators and congressmen. These representatives voted for the bill.

Specific to Eastern Shore, the law ended “more than \$4 million in funding.

In Easton, Maryland, which is in the district of House Freedom Caucus Chair Andy Harris (R-Md.), \$3.3 million had been awarded through the Biden-era program to add sidewalks and tackle other issues in a highway corridor. But the new GOP law

pulled that funding.

And in the town of Berlin, which is also in Harris' district, the law yanked \$950,000 in unobligated dollars from an already-awarded \$1.2 million grant. That was for planning to tackle the "barrier" created by U.S. Route 113, which bisects the municipality just west of Ocean City, Maryland (Marguette and Ogozalek, Politico 8/20/2025).

Marguette and Ogozalek highlighted a spokesperson for the Transportation Department, Nade Sizemore, who indicated that it was appropriate to cancel funds which "prioritized [diversity, equity and inclusion] and Green priorities while ignoring the core infrastructure needs of our country."

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 and from the beach. Let's show 'em what we think of Donald Trump and the Republicans that enable him.

Throughout the summer, there has been Friday evening waving to beach bound traffic in Talbot County from 5:30 - 7:00 PM.

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

Check the following link to learn about and sign up for waves that may be happening in September: <http://www.mobilize.us/mddems/event/815704/>

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

Want to *do something* quickly and often to oppose what is happening in DC?

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5 Calls is an easy way to take five minutes to make five calls to influence our representatives. 5 Calls does the research for each issue and determines which representatives are most influential for which topic, collecting phone numbers for those offices and writing scripts that clearly articulate a progressive position.

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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