



NORTH COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB

The North County Republican Club of Anne Arundel County was established in 1991. Our purpose is threefold: Education, voter registration, and candidate support.

NCRC NEWSLETTER

November 2023

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A message from our NCRC President: Norm O'Brien

Welcome to my November note from North County Republican Club. Our October meeting consisted of a presentation by Jolie Diane who is an investigative journalist who uses the results of her investigations to spur community activism and change laws to help control the problems she finds. Her talk centered around WFI and the Electro Magnetic Frequencies that proliferate our homes, schools, and all public spaces. Cell phones are the primary benefit of the many cell towers that you see. Jolie pointed out that these towers are not regulated, and EMF sources can be put up indiscriminately on these towers. She also demonstrated that your cell phone is also the source of EMF and there are steps you can take to minimize it. What was most astounding was that there has been very little testing, if any, about the safety of this radiation.

Our November meeting was supposed to be a presentation by the conservative candidates for the Anne Arundel County School Board. Unfortunately, with our county's 7 districts, there are only two candidates registered at this time. We will have Jamie Hurman-Cougnat (District 3) and Latoya Nkongolo (District 5) who are both standing up to run for the board. They will present their background and lay out their positions on school board issues. We invite anyone who has problems with our current education system to attend along with those who might be interested in running for the school board. In addition to the school board candidates, we will hear from Candance Parrott, who will provide a presentation on Child Sex Trafficking. Candace works for Araminta, a Baltimore based non-profit organization, teaching local communities how to keep our children safe from predators.

Have you read any good books lately?

Well, I'm in the process of reading one, but first let me give you a little background. In 1932, "A Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley was published. It was the first of 2 dystopian (the opposite of utopian) books in the 20th century. The other book was "1984" by George Orwell and that was published in 1946. Both books were novels in which the government controlled our

every thought. In the first, sex was outlawed and the government with its perfect knowledge would grow children from the lab to produce the elites and the workers. The second was where the government spied on everyone and relied on fear to obtain obedience. Well, Aldous Huxley published "Brave New World, Revisited". That's the book I'm reading now. He published it in 1958 and claims that the future will not be ruled by fear, but by the government giving everything to everyone to induce compliance. He quite accurately predicts the world we now see, and he did this 65 years ago. This book is not huge, just over 100 pages but is not an easy read. It's available both on Amazon and Thrift books for about \$10. I recommend it.

Did you know - Upcoming legislation?

During the last Maryland legislative session, a bill was introduced in both the house and the senate titled, "Declaration of Rights - Religious Freedom, Religious Tests, and Oaths and Affirmations". The bill removed requiring the belief in God from our constitution. The bill argues that what it proposes has already been written and affirmed in the US Constitution and supported by lower court rulings. My concern is that the bill takes a sludge hammer to the Maryland Constitution and only a retuning of the wording is necessary. It destroys completely the thoughts in our Declaration of Independence that we are endowed by our creator with inalienable rights. They went too far. Anyway, the bill died in committee, but it will come back in 2024. So, it stays in committee, I recommend you comment on the bill when it is introduced at that time.

This leads to the question of "How do I know when it is introduced?" and "How do I comment on the bill?". I'll answer those two questions below.

"How do I comment on the bill?" I answered this question in our February 2023 Newsletter, my first one as president. It just got a lot easier with the help of the State of Maryland and some hard work by a few Republicans.

The State of Maryland set up a web page, MyMGA, to make it easier for you to request to testify or provide comments on an upcoming bill. Once you get to that page and register, you will have access to all the bills that come before the general assembly. You can select the bill you are interested in and request to have an oral testimony or provide a written testimony. This will go to each legislator involved with the hearing for this bill. The hearing process is the most important part of a bill becoming law. That's where the committee that hears the bill makes the decision to change the bill. At later stages, the bill can only be amended, and it is much harder, although possible. If good arguments are presented, it could kill or weaken a bill.

Senate bills have only a one-day window and house bills have only a two-day window ahead of the bills hearing. So, you only have one or two days ahead of the hearing to sign up to testify on that bill. So timing is of the essence.

Here's the details on how to register.

Go to <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite#>

In the upper right corner of that home screen is a small icon labeled My MGA. Click on that and you can register with the system. You must register to use the system. It should be fairly easy to use this site, and there is a YouTube video put out by a Baltimore County Republican Women's Group led by Kate Sullivan that walks you through the whole process at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rei9NVIKtsA>

It's about 40 minutes long and well worth watching it.

"How do I know when it is introduced?"

You are now one of the 1% who have read this far, so you must really be interested. Send me an email with "Legislative Testimony" in the subject line. I will put you on the distribution for emails that contain a spread sheet showing the bills submitted, an analysis of them and dates for their review, as much as possible. You then go to your MyMGA page for House and Senate bills that are up for hearings on Senate and House. All bills open for voting/testimony signup for today will be **highlighted in yellow**. Topics include Climate Change, Parents' Rights, Inappropriate topics taught to school students, 2nd Amendment, Privacy, Public Health, and Gender Inclusivity. **The period for voting is listed**. Be sure you have access to Microsoft Excel because that's the app that will be used. I will be awaiting your email.

NCRC Membership: Join or Renew

Please renew your 2024 NCRC membership or join our club by 1 January 2024. Individual memberships are \$20 and family memberships are \$35. You can provide your payment by bringing the dues to a monthly club meeting, pay online using our Facebook Page or North County Republican Club website. We request that you also complete and submit an application so that we have your current information. **A copy of the application is attached**.

We need to grow the Republican movement in AACO. Invite a friend or neighbor to a meeting. Invite a friend or a neighbor to join our club. This is great opportunity to.

- Meet people in your community.
- Become informed about the issues and legislation facing our county.
- Meet and speak with elected officials and people running for office.
- Get involved and become active in AACO.

Mail In Ballots - - - They make a difference!

Why Should I Use Mail In Ballots? This year and in the future.

In general, the use of Mail In ballots in a voting system is a bad idea. It introduces more opportunity for fraud than Election Day in person voting. However, if your state legislates Mail In ballots like Maryland, you should use them. Why?

1. They are safe. The ballot is sent to you with a unique return envelope which is the only one the elections board will accept. Without the return envelope the ballot will not be counted.
2. They are secure. This is especially true if the ballot is returned in the ballot drop box. The drop boxes are more secure than the Post Office.
3. They are reliable. **Can you** be absolutely, positively, sure you will get to the polls on Election Day? You won't be sick, have an emergency, etc. No, you can't.
4. They provide protection against fraud. In the unlikely event some fraudster uses your identity to obtain your Mail In ballot you have time to challenge this. You will get your lawful ballot and void his illegal ballot. If you wait until election day, it may be too late. The fraudulent ballot may be counted and yours may not.
5. They are convenient. You can study the candidates and issues before you vote.
6. Elections matter, they determine who will legislate and thus the future election system. Using the current election system is the ONLY way to affect future changes.
7. Finally, you can track your ballot as it progresses through the process. Kinda like a package from Amazon.

If you have any questions about Mail In balloting or Maryland's voting system in general contact me, Robert Atkins, Vice President Anne Arundel County Board of Elections, atkins950@gmail.com.

Info on mail-in voting: <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

Election News: 11/09/23

Become an AA County Election Judge.

Attached is the current report of all Election Judges that have filed to work during Primary Early Voting and Primary Election Day 2024.

If you review the report, you will see that as of 11/09/23:

Democrat judges: 715 or 56.4%
Republican judges: 349 or 27.5%
Unaffiliated judges: 203 or 16.0%

Being on the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections for the past eight years, I can tell you the best place for Republicans to be for Primary Early Voting and Primary Election Day is inside the polling places as Election Judges. If Republicans are not working the polls, then Democrats will be in charge.

Observer vs Election Judge:

Observer: Can watch the election process without interfering with the Election process. This could be at quite a distance where detailed overview of Election processes is minimal. Ability to intervene immediately may be diminished due to no official authority to interrupt or question the process.

Election Judge: Part of the Election process. Judges are present when equipment is configured and initialized before Election Day begins. Judges are also present after Voting closes and are part of the final processing, closure of the equipment, reconciliation, and shut down of equipment. Election Judges are paid for training, set up the day before the Election, and working Election Day. If an election judge sees an issue, this judge can become involved immediately in the process to resolve the issue.

If you are truly concerned about Voter Integrity, then insert yourself in the place that will give you the authority to correct voting issues while these issues are occurring. I have included a link to the Board of Elections - Election Judge page.

Register today. <https://www.aacounty.org/elections/election-judges>

So, I must ask, "What are willing to do to make sure the 2024 Elections will be "fair and balanced"?"

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Brenda Yarema at 410-940-8259.

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Upcoming Republican Events:

- **November 14th** SPRWC Annual Meeting
- **November 14th** Fundraiser for Kathy Szeliga
- **November 16th** NCRC Monthly Meeting
- **November 16th** Lincoln Day Dinner - Celebrating Woman Trailblazers
- **November 18th** AA County GOP – **SUPER SATURDAY**
- **December 6th** Longwood Gardens Winter Wonderland Bus Trip **Must sign up now.**
- **December 13th** NCRC Christmas Dinner and Charity Auction
- **Information on Bank Your Vote**

Severna Park Republican Women Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th



Join the ladies of Severna Park Republican Women's Club

for their Annual Meeting and swearing in of officers for the upcoming term and guest speaker

Nicolee Ambrose, RNC National Committeewoman

11 am -- Tuesday, November 14, 2023 -- Cafe Mezzanotte

760 Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park, MD

<https://secure.anedot.com/sprwc/cf7646bfa913923e0ac87>

Fundraiser for Kathy Szeliga

Tuesday November 14th



Enjoy wine, delicious pit beef sandwiches, cheese and charcuterie, and desserts in support of

DELEGATE KATHY SZELIGA

proudly representing Baltimore County's District 7A

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

5:30 – 7:30 PM

BOORDY VINEYARDS



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VINEYARDS

12820 LONG GREEN PIKE, HYDES, MARYLAND 21082

\$75 per guest or \$125 per couple

Event will be held rain or shine!

\$6,000 Co-Host

\$2,500 Cabernet Sponsorship | \$1,000 Malbec Sponsorship

\$500 Riesling Sponsorship | \$250 Sangria Sponsorship

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:

www.electkathy.com/boordy

CONTRIBUTIONS BY CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Friends of Kathy Szeliga | P.O. Box 11 | Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Kindly RSVP by November 8th. Event inquiries to Nicole@OssolaConsulting.com.

NCRC Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 16th - 7:00pm

**Meeting Location: Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company
4498 Mountain Road; Parking in back
Pasadena, MD 21122**

We will be hosting Conservative Candidates for the Anne Arundel County School Board.

Guest Speakers running for AA County School Board:

We will have Jamie Hurman-Cougnet (District 3) and Latoya Nkongolo (District 5) and Tracey Matthews.

We will also have an overview of human trafficking in Maryland. Who are the buyers and the victims. Why the Maryland law needs to change. We will hear what's going on in our area and what we need to know and do.

Guest Speaker:

Candace Burke Parrott



Candace is an active member of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MDHTTF), and co-chair of the Public Awareness Committee, a collaborative team bringing community awareness of human trafficking. Through her leadership, the team provides training, speaking events, workshops, and panels in public and private schools, organizations, corporations, nationally and internationally.

She is also the Founder of Freshwaters, a unique organization offering individuals a “fresh start” and new beginnings. Her mission focus is empowering others, and her passion is to bring out the best in people and organizations. Providing life coaching for individuals of all ages, she teaches entrepreneur classes, life skills, and financial literacy from basic to advanced and prepares individuals for both the workplace and the real world.

<https://www.mdhumantrafficking.org/>

Lincoln Day Dinner Celebrating Women Trailblazers November 16th The Carriage House

The Howard County Republican Party presents

Celebrating Women Trailblazers

A Lincoln Day Dinner

November 16, 2023

Fmr. Senator Gail Bates

Ambassador Ellen Sauerbery

KJ McKenzie
Conservative Commentator

Fmr. Delegate Trent Kittleman

Blanca Tapahuasco
Education Advocate

Delegate Kathy Bzeilga

Dr. Janning Zeng
STEM Leader

6PM | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

The Carriage House • \$85 per person
5410 Leaf Treader Way • VIP seating/reception: \$115
Columbia, MD • \$650 table of 8

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Checks payable to Howard County Republican Central Committee

The Celebration will also feature live performances by local talents from Howard County. Additionally, we will present awards to exceptional Republican man, woman, and YR of the year, as well as the prestigious lifetime achievement award to a distinguished Republican.

To add some color to the evening, we invite all attendees to incorporate red into their attire. Men can opt for red ties, shirts, or jackets, while ladies may choose red dresses or similar attire.

Anne Arundel County GOP **SUPER SATURDY**
November 18th

Please Join

The Anne Arundel County GOP

for a



**UPER
ATURDAY**

November 18, 2023

Join our Voter Assistance Super Saturday! We will be going door-to-door to encourage GOP voters who have difficulty getting to the polls to request their mail-in ballots.

Please [sign-up here](#), at AAGOP.org or use

to join us:

10 am or 2pm :

Broadneck Elementary School

470 Shore Acres Rd, Arnold, MD 21012



LONGWOOD GARDENS WINTER WONDERLAND

BUS TOUR SIGN UP

Presented by North County Republican Club

Wednesday, December 6th



We are repeating our fantastic trip to the beautifully decorated Longwood Gardens again this year.

I know it seems like a long time away.... But we must provide Longwood Gardens with a firm number of attendees to both hold a DATE and get a specific WALK-IN time for this fabulous holiday venue.

Everyone who went on the trip 2 years ago really enjoyed the experience. It was GREAT! So don't miss out. Please sign up now.

TRIP ORDER OF ACTIVITY:

0. The bus will depart from I97/Benefield Blvd *Park and Ride* at 1:45 pm.
1. We will walk into Longwood Gardens at 4:00, our assigned time. We will walk around for 1 hour.

Get something lite to eat on your own in *The Café** at 5:00

***The Café** features a selection of ready-to-eat sandwiches & salads, hot entrée selections, freshly prepared, and of course, their famous Longwood Gardens Mushroom Soup.

1. Sunsets at 4:35
1. 6:00-7:00 (view all the colored fountains, decorations, and 50,000 lights)
2. 7:00-9:00 drive back home. (check your pictures, and fit bit for steps)

The rate for a seat on the bus plus entrance to the park is \$60/person.

You can use the QR code or link to sign up and



<https://secure.anedot.com/north-county-republican-club/longwood-gardens-2023-c8f3d105775579ef4c938>

NEXT STEPS:

The first 55 requests received will get a seat on the bus and be able to enter in our time slot.

Please be sure your response is back as soon as possible.

Prices for Christmas dates have always been higher at Longwood Gardens than at other times of the year. Pass the information on to your friends and family, **it is a fabulous way to begin the holiday season!**

You can email Norm with any questions. Please email Norm O'Brien (ngobrie@verizon.net) if you are interested in attending. Norm, responding to Norm, please send the number of people attending including their names and ages. Also include your email and cell phone number.

NCRC Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec 13th at 7PM



BELLA NAPOLI
ITALIAN RESTAURANT

**350 MOUNTAIN RD.,
PASADENA, MD.**

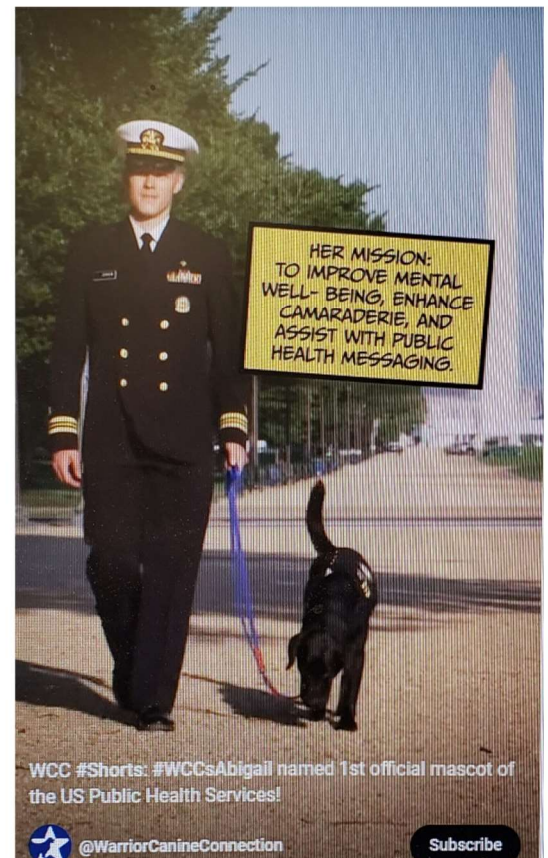


Dinner \$60 EACH, CASH BAR
5 DIFFERENT ENTREES TO CHOOSE FROM
Space is limited to 50 people – make reservations now.

**Please bring a gift valued at \$20 for the mystery gift auction
For Warrior Canine**

Warrior Canine Connection is a pioneering organization that utilizes its Mission Based Trauma Recovery model to help wounded Warriors reconnect with life, their families, their communities, and each other.

**Please use scan below to
RSVP & PAY**



The **Bank Your Vote initiative** encourages GOP voters (like YOU!) to get your vote in and make absolutely sure that your voice is heard in the critical 2024 elections. Order your ballot [HERE](#) and make sure your vote is cast -- no bad weather, no illness, no excuses!

