

BLUE NOTE 2.0

Back to School



As SC Schools reopen, we hope and pray that our children and school personnel will stay healthy and able to have in-person classrooms this year.

[Go here](#) to donate school supplies or money to the Tri-County schools, or support [Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center](#), or [Community Resource Center](#), Summerville.

Mask Mandates--Dorchester County has reinstated mask requirements in [county office buildings](#), regardless of vaccination status.

School Districts: [DD4](#) requires masks, [DD2](#) does not. See DHEC's "interim"[guidance](#) for K-12. See more downloads and links from [DHEC](#).

Under the Cares Act (American Rescue Plan), South Carolina will receive over **\$2 B** for emergency school relief, with 90% going to school districts. Despite this, SC budget [Proviso 1.108](#) is not authorizing money for masking mandates in schools or on buses.

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Announcement from our Chairman, Tim Lewis

It is with an abundance of caution that we are postponing DCDP's Annual Cienia Awards Dinner. We look forward to when we can safely meet again in-person.

NEW MEMBERS MEET

Virtually for
Dordems Coffee Talk
Saturday, September 18th,
10:00am-11:00am

Do you have questions about the Dorchester County Democratic Party? Want to get involved? Bring your coffee and join members of our Welcome Committee for a relaxed conversation. Invite your friends!

Please email
newmemberdcdp@gmail.com to sign up.

WDCDC MEETING

The Western Dorchester County Democratic Club will meet in-person on Monday, September 27, at 6:30 PM at Classy Sassy: 421 North Parler Ave., St. George.

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DCDP GENERAL MEETING

will be Virtual

September 14, 7 to 8:30 pm.
"Where to focus the fight to defeat COVID in Dorchester County" with guest speakers, Jane M. Kelly, MD, Assistant State Epidemiologist, SC DHEC, and Rep. Joe Jefferson (HD 102) is the agenda for our virtual monthly community and members meeting. **Please sign up [here](#)**



OPEN DCDP LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

We are accepting nominations
at our 9/14/21 meeting for:

- Secretary
- State Executive Committeewoman
- State Alternate Executive Committeewoman

Please email
info@DorchesterDemocrats.com if you'd like to nominate someone for a position.

DCDP'S Book Club needs someone with a spirit of adventure to host our monthly ZOOM discussions. If you're interested, please put **Book Club** in the subject line and send your email to
dordemsnewsletter@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Note: Non-partisan candidates that the DCDP supports are in ***Bold Italicized***.

--Town of Harleyville--

No endorsements.

--Town of St. George--

DCDP supports District 2 incumbent
Councilwoman Margie Ladson.

--Town of Reevesville--

No endorsements.

--Town of Ridgeville--

DCDP supports incumbents Mayor
Clarence Hughes, Councilwoman
Lorraine Grant and Councilwoman
Pfaehler Grant.

--Town of Summerville--

DCDP supports District 1 incumbent
Councilman ***Aaron Brown.***



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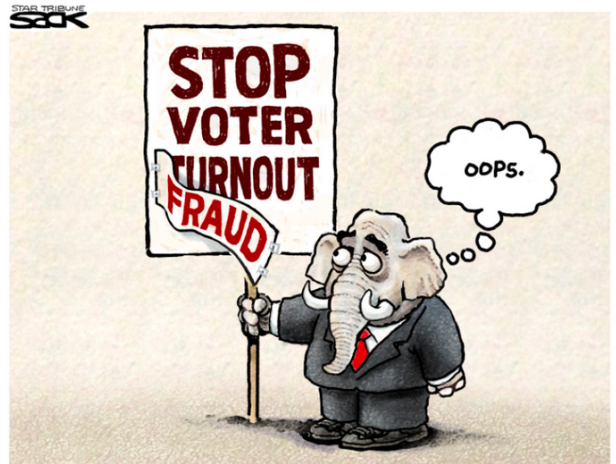
VOTER UPDATES

The state website, [SCVotes.gov](https://www.scvotes.gov) has updated voting information. Look under "Check My Voter Registration" to be sure it's up to date.

Generally, voters must register 30 days before the election to be eligible to vote. With recent purges of the rolls, EVERYONE should check your status before October 4, 2021.

Absentee ballots are now available, but Covid-19 **will not** be a valid reason for voting absentee in SC this year.

SEPTEMBER 28 IS VOTER REGISTRATION DAY



Citizens should continue to monitor <https://www.scvotes.gov> for updates on scheduled elections.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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Open Carry passed--Since August 15, South Carolina law allows a person to carry a loaded handgun openly in public—including places like playgrounds, as well as bars and other places that serve alcohol.

Moms Demand Action believes the gun lobby will make passing permitless carry their main priority next year. "We need all the support we can get to be prepared to take on the gun lobby and fight for gun safety in South Carolina and across the country."



Click on the image to read the act.

Because the VRAA faces a tough road ahead in the evenly divided Senate. The League of Women Voters is calling on President Biden to

"remove the obstacles in the way, and work collectively on behalf of the American voters to see this legislation become law."

WHY WE NEED THE VRAA



Racial Turnout Gap Grew in Jurisdictions Previously Covered by the Voting Rights Act

Between 2012 and 2020, the white-Black turnout gap grew between 9.2 and 20.9 percentage points across five of the six states originally covered by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

BC Brennan Center for Justice

Click [here](#) to read more.

Of the 8 states protected by the pre-clearance requirement in the original VRA, South Carolina's white-Black turnout gap widened the most, expanding by a staggering 20.9 percentage points in the eight years since it was overturned in ***Shelby County v. Holder***, 2013!

STATE OF THE STATE

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A Dubious Honor

Post and Courier, August 10, 2021



SC Gov. Henry McMaster gets anti-abortion organization's first 2022 backing

A leading anti-abortion group has picked South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster as its first gubernatorial endorsement in next year's...

PHOTO BY AP/WIDEWORLD

READY, SET, DRAW! REDISTRICTING BEGINS

This month, the US Census Bureau released the data necessary to begin America's once-in-a-decade map-drawing process. This process is critical, as it determines whether communities across the country are fairly and accurately represented for the next ten years.

Through LWV's People Powered Fair Maps™ program, the League is empowering people across the nation to become involved in their local redistricting process. Learn more about redistricting and fair maps.

POST AND COURIER

Updated on August 23, 2021: Only Modest Employment Gains since McMaster's early ending of Covid unemployment benefits.



SEE THE LATEST DCDP KNOCK-OUT BLOGS BY DR. DAVID RUBIN

on the blunders and lies of Gov. McMaster, Sen. Tim Scott and other SC GOP officeholders.

The latest is "Scott Conveniently Forgets Who Caused the Tragedy in Afghanistan."

REDISTRICTING HEARING

Listen to Tim Lewis' speech:

- Stop Racial and partisan gerrymandering.
- Give Dorchester County its own representatives.
- Stop using Dorchester County as a vote donor for other districts.

FIRST DEM TV AD FOR 2022 GOVERNOR'S RACE



SC Democrat Joe Cunningham tells McMaster to 'step aside' in first TV ad in...

Gov. Henry McMaster has said the choice to wear masks and get vaccinated should come down to a parent's choice and personal responsibility.

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WHERE DEMOCRATS STAND

Democrats believe health care is a right, diversity is a strength, the economy should work for everyone, and facts and truth matter.

Go here to read our party's platform

Democrats still believe in Democracy but, tragically, the GOP* does not.

"Authoritarianism is when thugs and criminals make the laws."
--Ruth Ben-Ghiat, NYU history professor and author of **Strong Men: Mussolini to the Present.**

OTHER 2022 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES



Mia McLeod for Governor

Krystle Matthews for US Senate

Angela Geter for US Senate

Who will challenge Nancy Mace for US House of Representatives?

RECOMMENDED PODCASTS

Swing Left's podcast, "How We Win," August 11, 2021 episode "Countering Misinformation," an interview w Ken Salaz, a Mentalist (magician). 53 minutes.

Refuse Fascism podcast, Episode 71, "The Death March of White Supremacy," an interview with Wajahat Ali about how Tucker Carlson and others are driving the fascist movement in the US.

*Grifting QAnon Party

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SC DHEC HOMEBOUND COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

SC DHEC has launched a homebound COVID-19 vaccination program in all 46 South Carolina counties through December! In order to participate, you just call 866-365-8110 between 7 AM and 7 PM any day of the week. One caretaker per homebound individual is also eligible to receive a vaccine. For more information about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine from SC DHEC click [here](#).

"Democracy is not a state, it is an act and each generation must do its part."
-John Lewis

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