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DEMS WIN LOCAL ELECTIONS!

--Town of St. George--

District 2 incumbent

Councilwoman Margie Ladson.

--Town of Ridgeville--

***Mayor Clarence Hughes,
Councilwoman Lorraine Grant and
Councilwoman Pfaehler Grant.***

--Town of Summerville--

District 1 incumbent

Councilman Aaron Brown.



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MONTHLY DCDP GENERAL MEETINGS

**November 9,
will be Virtual
7 to 8:30 PM.**

Join us and meet our guest, State
Senator Mia McLeod, candidate
for Governor of SC.

Sign up to get the Zoom link.

**December 14,
will be Virtual
7 to 8:30 PM.**

Guest TBA.

To get the Zoom link, check the
December Events page later this
month.

NEW MEMBERS MEET VIRTUALLY

Dordems Coffee Talks

Saturday, November 13,
10:00am-11:00am
and/or

Saturday, December 11,
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! Go to Events
and click on the date to sign up.

**For Dr. Rubin's latest blogs on Tim Scott and
Nancy Mace, click here.**

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THESE DCDP LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ARE OPEN

- **DCDP 2nd Vice Chair**
 - **DCDP Secretary**
 - **State Alternate**
- Executive Committeewoman**

If you'd like to nominate yourself or
someone else for a position please
email:

info@DorchesterDemocrats.com

WELCOME TO

Debra Whitfield, our new
State Executive Committeewoman!

Debra is a long time SC resident, professional
realtor and Grandmother of 8. She's been
active in politics for many years and is
passionate about turning South Carolina Blue!



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WESTERN DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING

November 29, 2021

6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: CLASSY SASSY
421 North Parler Avenue,
St. George, 29477

Please plan to attend and bring
friends!!! Masks are required.

**St. George Re-elected District 2
Councilwoman Margie Ladson.**



**Summerville Town Councilman
Aaron Brown was re-elected.**



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Summerville Covid-related housing assistance

Origin SC, a human services organization, has received funding to provide rental, utility, and mortgage financial assistance for qualified residents in the Town of Summerville. To qualify, you must be a resident of the Town of Summerville and currently be behind on payments due to a COVID-related issue. You should verify your address before applying by clicking [here](#).

FROM "ISLAND BLUES," A LOCAL DEM NEWSLETTER

Dozens of GOP lead states – including South Carolina – have filed suit against Biden's Covid vaccine mandates for federal contractors. "South Carolinians should not be unlawfully forced to choose between their job and the vaccine," said Gov. Disaster.

So far, at least 14,000 South Carolinians have died from Covid, according to DHEC. Our positivity rate remains high, our vaccine rate low.

Disaster tweeted: "It's unfortunate that we must sue @POTUS, but he has violated the constitution and placed Palmetto State jobs at risk." How has he violated the constitution, Governor? And don't you know that the sooner we're safer, the sooner businesses will bounce back?

On November 6, the Fifth Circuit Federal appeals court issued a stay of Biden's vaccine mandate for private companies.

Click [here](#) to read more.

*"Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than
sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."*

—Martin Luther King

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DCDP OCTOBER CANVASSING EVENTS



Barbara Jenkins, Ann Marie Finn (Voter Outreach and Protection), Gwen Greenwalt, Myra Gillespie-Corey.

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Canvassers for Margie Ladson, in St. George



Mr. Ed and his staff, at Aaron Brown-sponsored Fish Fry for supporters.

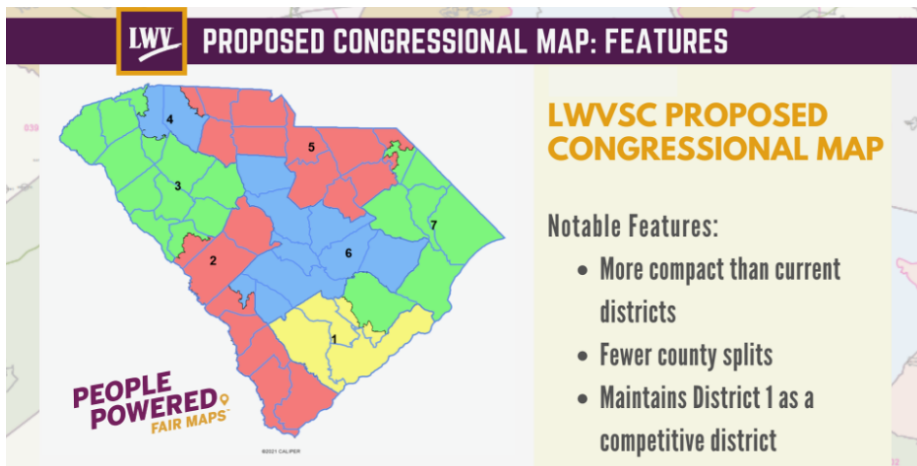


John Ptolemy, Ann Marie Finn, Aaron Brown and Gwen Greenwalt



Greenwalt, Keyda Mack (Aaron Brown's daughter) and Alexandria Goodwine.

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Columbia, S.C. Civil Rights groups file lawsuit vs SC Assembly for delaying redistricting

The case, *South Carolina Conference of the NAACP v. McMaster*, was filed in U.S. District Court in Columbia, S.C. on October 12, 2021. [Read more.](#)

LWV: What Would Fair Maps Look Like? [See video.](#)

Gerrymandering will become more partisan, explains the Brennan Center for Justice.

In SC in the past there's been more *incumbent* gerrymandering than partisan gerrymandering, but since this is the first time that VRA Articles 4 and 5 are not enforced, expectation is for more partisan gerrymandering.

Counties have more influence if they're whole districts.

- "Stop splitting my county," is a common complaint, one that Tim Lewis raised at the Redistricting Hearing in August.
- Chopping precincts into 2 or more districts is confusing for election workers and for voters to know what district they're in—who's my candidate or representative?



Redistricting in SC--Congressional Districts 6 (Rep. Jim Clyburn) and 1 (Rep. Nancy Mace) could change significantly due to population shifts.

Dave's Redistricting App (DRA 2020)

gives you the opportunity to try your hand at map-drawing. Designed by Dave Bradlee, it helps to demystify the redistricting process and puts power back into the people's hands, by providing the data and the tools to draw US Congressional and state districts.

Both parties gerrymander, but Republicans do it much more. This is why in SC, the percent of Republican voters to Democrats is 55% to 45%, but our State House is: Upper House, 16 D to 30 R; Lower House: 43 D to 81 R! A more representative State House would be Upper House: 21 D to 25 R; Lower House: 56 D to 68 R.

"Through artful drawing of district boundaries, it is possible to put large groups of voters on the losing side of every election." [New York Times, The Great Gerrymander of 2012.](#)

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US CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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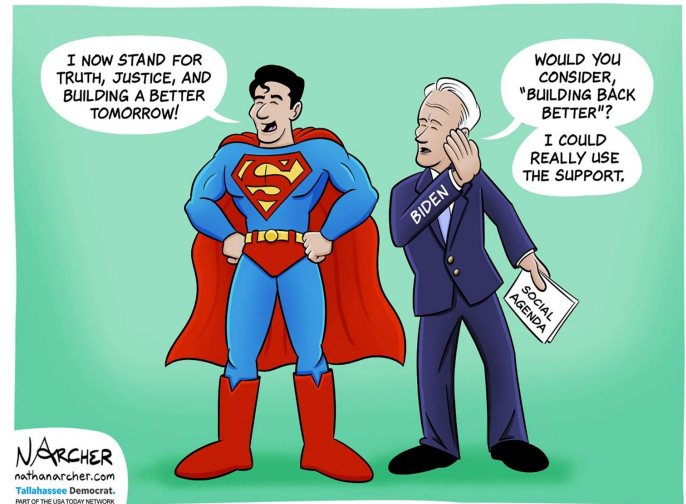
Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (\$1.2 Trillion) **was passed by the House of** **Representatives, on Nov. 5, 2021.**

We'll begin to see shovels in the ground in the next few months! The vote was 228-206, with 13 GOP lawmakers crossing party lines to join Democrats in voting in favor of the legislation. Notably, Nancy Mace voted "No" on it. See Dr. Rubin's blog entry, "High Wire Walker..."

South Carolina will get about \$10 Billion including:

- ✓ \$4.6 billion in highway funding
- ✓ \$274 million in bridge replacement and rehabilitation funding
- ✓ \$70 million to assist in the deployment of electric vehicles and charging stations over the next five years. Even Senator Lindsey Graham supports the infrastructure investment, saying he wishes "we had passed this years ago."

Read SC's 'Malfunction Junction,' future projects get bump from Biden's Infrastructure Bill.



Build Back Better Bill

Biden says he's confident the larger, "social safety net" package will pass too. Moderates pledged to vote on it no later than November 15.



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UN CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT

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Will **COP26**, the 20 nation Climate Summit, be successful in getting countries to commit to change, or just a lot of “Blah, blah, blah, blah?”

Climate Summit inspiring speeches.

Swedish teenager **Greta Thunberg** and other young climate activists speak at the Glasgow summit.

A favorite sign: “There’s No Planet B.”

Former President Barack Obama, who helped to seal the Paris climate agreement six years ago, spoke at COP26 to rally nations to do the hard work of setting emission limits and pledging funds to get the work done. See the **video**. (Forward 5 minutes for his introduction.)

Net zero carbon emissions by 2050

means that all the CO₂ and methane that we put into the atmosphere will be offset by various means so that the net global input will be zero. **The goal is to keep the global temperature increase below 1.5 degrees Celsius higher than pre-industrial levels, by 2050.**



CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION

CCS involves the capture of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from industrial processes, such as steel and cement production, or from the burning of fossil fuels in power generation. This carbon is then transported from where it was produced, via ship or in a pipeline, and stored deep underground in geological formations.



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**DHEC Supports CDC's Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine
Approval for Ages 5-11,**
Urges Parents to Get Their Children Vaccinated.
Click [here](#) for more.

Happy Holidays Y'all, See you in the New Year!

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