



*North Carolina Congressional District
11 Newsletter #12 of 2021-2022*



CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow NC11 Democrats! We are moving into the last days of August! That means final summer vacations, kids getting ready to go back to school, and as I write this **81 days until Election Day!** I don't think that I have to stress to any of you the importance of the time that we have between now and November 8th. Every voter we talk to, every volunteer hour that we give, every donation that we make...that could be the difference between Republicans having a supermajority in Raleigh, conservatives holding the NC Supreme Court, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara being NC11's next Congressional Representative, or Cheri

Beasley making it to the US Senate. The stakes are high, and we must act and work accordingly!

I always love to get around the district to have contact with our county parties and their members, and to see and hear about the incredible work that each of you do. This week was no exception! Tuesday I had the wonderful pleasure of traveling to Hayesville to meet with the Tri-County Democratic Women's Club. This group made up of Democrats from Graham, Clay, and Cherokee Counties is the epitome of what we should all strive for within NC11. They are passionate, energetic, and willing to work across county lines to help one another in their efforts. I was proud to spend time with them to hear about what they are working on in the far western reaches of our district, and I know that good things are happening through their efforts.

Speaking of being proud of our members' work and efforts, this is another reminder to **please buy your tickets to the 2022 NC11 Democratic Gala if you have not yet done so!** We will be holding the Gala on September 10th at the Doubletree Biltmore Village in Asheville, and will have a full evening of fellowship and celebration as we recognize the 2022 Liston B. Ramsey Award winners from each county as well as the Mountain Democrat of The Year Award, enjoy dinner, and hear from speakers from across NC11 and the state! Tickets are on sale through August 27th, and there is more information in the newsletter on the event. We hope that each of you will join us!

Lastly, as I do each month I want to thank each of you for the work that each of you do to fight for Democratic values here in Western North Carolina. All you have to do is look at the surprise result in Kansas several weeks ago to see that we are on the right side of issues that people across NC11 and nationwide are making decisions over. Take heart in the work that you are doing, it's truly effective and important! Keep the faith, stay the course, and we will continue to

make gains and progress in our region!

Matt Ballance
NC District 11 Chair

Ticket Deadline August 26



NC11 DEMOCRATIC GALA

**Celebrating those who have worked to further
Democratic values in Western North Carolina over the
last year!**

Reception: 5:30 PM - 7 PM Dinner/Program: 7 PM - 9 PM

Liston B. Ramsey & Mountain Democrat of the Year Awards

Keynote Speakers (To Be Announced)

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 10TH | 5:30 PM - 9 PM

**Doubletree Biltmore Village
115 Hendersonville Rd.
Asheville, NC 28803**

Treasurer's Corner



The Gala Is Coming! The Gala Is Coming! A big thanks to everyone who has already registered and purchased tickets for our NC11 Democratic Gala on Saturday, September 10th. Though the event is still a little way off, we have a crucial deadline coming up. This coming Saturday August 27th we have to give the Doubletree Hotel a deposit and a head count of guests by their choice of entrée. You must get your Gala tickets by FRIDAY 8/26 (end of the day). Buy tickets – or become an honored Sponsor! – through ActBlue.

[Tickets for Gala Reception and Dinner](#)

[Gala](#)

[Sponsorship](#)

[Contributions](#)

As of Friday 8/19 Dems in Buncombe, Polk, and Transylvania had purchased full tables. Buying a table ensures your group can sit together (8 to a table). Registration is handled by Mobilize, which will send you reminders as the Gala nears.

[Register as a Gala Guest on Mobilize](#) Please register in addition to buying your tickets.

We know this 2-step process has caused some confusion. I'm following up with those who missed a step. Watch for an email, call or text from me if: You registered but haven't yet bought tickets OR you didn't specified choice of entrée when you got your ticket My cell number is (828) 230-1646. Email is julie@nc11democrats.org. If you have problems registering or buying tickets, or if you know of a potential sponsor, please contact me.

Julie

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District 11 Treasurer

Need Volunteers for the Mountain State Fair

The Mountain State Fair is coming up in about a month, with dates running from Sept. 9th-18th. We will have the NC11 Democrats booth back at the fair this year, and we need volunteers to help man the tables during the event! We can make a good showing and real impact during this event if we have the volunteers that we need. I would very much like to have as many folks from outside the Buncombe/Henderson areas as possible, so that we can talk about all the good things and big issues that are pressing across ALL NC11. [Jeff Rose](#) has offered to help coordinate dates and times, so please get names, and contact info for your volunteers to him so that he can get folks plugged in where they need to be. Let's show fair goers what NC11 Democrats are all about!





Mark Your Calendars

Too many events to post here.

Visit the [District Calendar](#) to see them all.

NC 11 Democratic Gala

September 10

5:30PM Reception 7PM Dinner

Doubletree Biltmore Village

Liston B Ramsey and Mountain Democrat of the Year Award

NC Court of Appeals Judicial Candidate Forum

September 11 3 – 5pm EDT

Buncombe County Democratic Party 951 Old Fairview Rd Asheville, NC 28803

This is your opportunity to get to know the Democratic judicial candidates for the NC Court of Appeals. Judge Carolyn Thompson (Seat 8), Judge Brad Salmon (Seat 9), Judge Gayle Murray Adams (Seat 10), and Judge Darren Jackson (Seat 11) will all be present to share their experience and respond to questions.

Who should attend: Voters in Buncombe and surrounding counties

County Events

Please visit our website [Events page](#) to learn of many meetings, and special events offered by our counties.

Counties please send us your events using the [submission page](#).

KEEP US INFORMED!!!

**WE WILL POST YOUR COUNTY EVENTS AND
CAMPAIGN DEBATES/FORUMS ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE**

[Use this submission form to send](#)

Buncombe Young Dems Hosting a Social

The Buncombe Young Dems are hosting a social after the NC-11 Gala. I'll provide the ActBlue Link and graphic for you if you wanted to include it. It'll be from 9-11:30PM at HiWire Brewing in Biltmore Village on September 10th. Tickets at [ActBlue](#). Kristen Robinson is the new regional organizing director for the coordinated campaign for NC11. So please encourage folks to volunteer to [door knock and phone bank](#) for Cheri Beasley and our Supreme

Court Justice candidates. We'll be planning canvasses for every Saturday in every county until the election! For now, we only have two links made to sign up to volunteer, for Buncombe and Haywood, so I'll provide those links but please tell everyone to stay tuned for more links for every county!
[Buncombe](#) Shift. [Haywood](#) Shift.

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Invite your fellow Democrats to join us also.

County News

Haywood On Saturday, August 20, the Haywood County Democrats are launching their first in a series of precinct Meet & Greets to showcase our local candidates. This is an extremely important race for Haywood County because the sheriff race is on the ballot along with all our county elected officials and two commissioner seats. The plan is to cluster precincts together to have regional events throughout the county instead of trying to have 29 single precinct events. Photos and details about the events will be shared in future newsletters. On Saturday, August 13, our volunteers canvassed in the Waynesville area during the first Day of Action with the Jasmine Beach-Ferrara campaign. Canvassers reported they were well received and are excited engaging with the Coordinated Campaign. Visit the Haywood County Democratic Party [Website](#)



Pix from the All In event with Jasmine Beach-Ferrara and other candidates.

Henderson We have also begun to train canvassers ready for a two-pronged approach to canvassing starting early September; this year we will be running group assaults canvasses in denser areas of the county, sending in multiple teams on every Saturday until election day; this is in addition to regular precinct-led canvasses in all areas. If anybody wishes to join our phonebanking or canvassing teams, please reach out to Bruce Sargent using hcdemparty@gmail.com. Several of our precincts have been holding events to build relationships and enthusiasm within their precincts, here is a picture from a get together in Atkinson Precinct Visit the Henderson County Democrat Party [Website](#)

GRAND RE-OPENING

Candidate Meet and Greet

20\$ Tickets



All Proceeds go to candidates

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19
6PM-8PM

**GRAND RE-OPENING
AND MEET AND GREET
FOR CANDIDATES...**



**Join us at HCDP for outdoor
voter-events 10 am- 2pm on Saturdays:
8/20, 8/27, 9/10, 9/17 and 9/24 ...
or stop by 9/3 on the way to Apple Fest
Henderson County Democratic Party
1216 Sixth Ave. W, Hendersonville, NC**

We will have voter registration, absentee voting forms, voting-observer signup, candidates' signs, candidates' info, the 2022 Democratic party slate ... plus:

- Aug. 20** – free ice cream (*well, til we run out*)
- Aug. 27** – puzzle/game SWAP or give-a-way
- Sep. 3** – *on your way to Apple Fest*
- Sep. 10** – bake sale
- Sep. 17** – (*remaining puzzles to swap?*)
- Sep. 24** – canned food drive (for local charity)



We have some timeslots for volunteers to help - contact Peri David
pxwd.david@gmail.com or call/text: 828-719-7247

Jackson August 20 marked the beginning of our focus on getting local Democrats to the polls in November. We sponsored a kick-off rally featuring our county candidates, along with candidates for state and federal seats up in 2022. We also used that opportunity for a postcard invitation contact with our targeted low propensity voters. On September 13 we will reinforce that local emphasis with a Grand Re-Opening of party headquarters in Sylva, beginning at 3 PM. Two precincts held ice cream socials in August, both featuring candidates. The WCU College Dems hosted a table at Valley Ballyhoo, distributing stickers they designed. The Southern Jackson Democrats hosted an Al Platt fundraiser. August is also the month we begin our billboard program, using local residents on a rotating series of messages on digital boards and members of the Eastern Band of Cherokees on a stationary billboard near the Boundary. Visit the Jackson County Democratic Party [website](#).

LIVE MUSIC! GAMES! FREE FOOD
AND DRINK! BRING THE KIDS!

YOU'RE INVITED
**DEMOCRATIC
CAMPAIGN
KICKOFF**



MEET THE CANDIDATES!

**SPONSORED BY THE JACKSON
COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

BRIDGE PARK, SYLVA
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 4-7PM
Bring a chair or blanket

Check out these great billboards JCDP is displaying throughout election season.
More at the end of this newsletter.



Polk We kicked off the past month with good participation for the “NCDP Rural Tour” visit to Polk County with Dr. Bobbie Richardson, Matt Balance, and Jasmine Beach-Ferrara. This was an excellent lead into our gearing up for the upcoming election. Our postcard parties started. At the August 6 Women’s Club Breakfast Jay Carey (NC Senate District 48 candidate) stopped by in addition to Rob Parsons (School Board candidate, Saluda), and our County Commissioner candidates, Ray Gasperson and Andy Millard. Our Voter2Voter activities are planned with training occurring by the time this newsletter is published. We are anxious to start calling people and knocking on doors to support our candidates up and down the ballot. Our website is election-ready with complete information about voting and a jumping off point to learn about our candidates. Visit the Polk County Democrat Party [website](#).



Swain We received a visit from NC Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, who reported on the state of the office and record new business creation across NC. The Swain

County Chapter of Democratic Women has resumed monthly meetings. State House District 119 candidate Al Platt joined the county party's monthly meeting to discuss the county's needs and strategy for victory. Swain County will be hosting and Candidate Cookout on September 17th from noon to 4pm at the Riverfront Park in Bryson city. Visit the Swain County [Facebook Page](#).



Transylvania Transylvania County Democratic Party held their Candidate Kick-off Event on August 16th, and it was a resounding success! About 100 folks turned out to hear our local candidates speak, ask questions and talk to them one-on-one. Everyone was energized by the event and ready to get out and talk to everyone we meet about our candidates! (I've attached a couple of pictures.) Upcoming events in in Transylvania County are:

Estatoe Media Group Candidate Forum - September 20th 5:30 pm at the Rosman Town Hall. This is a non-partisan event for all the candidates. Democrats should plan to arrive early and fill the chairs! We want our candidates to see friendly faces in the audience!

Meet & Greet with Al Platt - August 25th 6-8 pm at Brevard Brewing Company.

Coffee & Donuts with William Hemphill - August 27th 10-12 at the Little River Community Center & September 10th 10-12 at Cathy's Creek Community Center. Visit the Transylvania County Democrat [Website](#).



Yancey Yancey county now has a headquarters. We mailed an announcement of our Open House, to our most consistent Democrats. We have volunteer signup and attendee cards which then are getting inputted into VoteBuilder. Then we held a pancake breakfast at the Senior Center to help build interest and momentum. Our local candidates introduced themselves formally as well as were available for interaction. With a headquarters, we've been able to work on organizing local candidates via our SBoE voter roles divided into precincts, to go out with some of our Democrats to introduce them to individual households. Meanwhile, we are setting up times for what we call "Porch Parties" where an interested or active Democrat will invite friends, relatives and neighbors to meet whichever candidates can come on an informal, interactive basis. We are trying to get several of these in each precinct. We had our first "Waffle Wednesday" at Headquarters: 8-11am for drop-ins and volunteers. We plan to continue these the last Wednesday of August, Sept and October. Also, Sept 10th will be a "Meet Yancey", hotdogs and sweets in the park event where we will be open to the public, especially many who have moved here in recent years. 12:30pm, Ray-Cort Park. We will be also selling our fundraising Gala tickets at that time. Our organizer wants everyone to wear t-shirts or hats of their favorite school, place, etc. Sept 19th is the Clyde McIntosh Gala at the TownCenter, 6pm Postcards lists are being sorted and worked on. Different mail times depending on target audiences. We are trying to get several of these in each precinct. Visit the Yancey County Democrats [Website](#).

More of Jackson County's Billboards.



Want your county news in the next newsletter?
Send 150-200 words with ONE picture
to communications@nc11democrats.org by September 23 by 5PM

From 3rd Vice Chair: Communications



Hello

Everyone

We are still in need of a Social Media Assistant to manage posting on our FB, TW and IG accounts. Anyone with that skillset and the willingness should reach out to me by [email](mailto:communications@nc11democrats.org) .

County chairs: Please make sure your 3VC gets your county news to me for

this newsletter. Deadline posted in this newsletter. TWICE!!

Suggestion to County officers: Have two people on your CEO team maintaining a list of all the usernames and passwords for the digital accounts you have for your county. That way if someone is unreachable the other person has the info.

Candidate Events: Campaigns/candidates may now submit posts of events for the District website,. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Please send detailed requests with pictures for addition to the District 11 Events Calendar. Pictures with captions of events that have recently happened in our counties are also welcome. Please try to get permission from people before taking photos. It's respectful.

Newsletter Submissions for County News: 150-200 words and one picture. Please share what your county has been doing. Events that are pending should be sent to the submission link for our events calendar.
[Event submission link for posting on District 11 Website Events Calendar](#)

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Look for our next newsletter in September

Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is September 23 2022 5PM

[Events](#)

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