



Now is the Moment

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“This is not a moment, it’s the movement.” That line from *Hamilton* describes the Democratic Party in Randolph County. Although the results of the election were disappointing for local races, we have things to celebrate. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will be our next president and vice president. Governor Cooper will lead our state for four more years. We kept Josh Stein, Elaine Marshall, and Beth Wood in their Council of State Offices. Unlike the Randolph GOP, we brought our voters out without placing them at risk in large, unmasked indoor gatherings during a pandemic.

As we look to the future, we need to use this election as an opportunity to learn. If you haven’t done so, please fill out our debriefing survey. You can fill it out online at <https://forms.gle/jk74vcd61gMkouAv5> or simply fill out the enclosed form and mail it back to us at The Randolph County Democratic Party, PO Box 4814, Asheboro, NC 27204.

Our local party is staying right here and working to change hearts and minds. Like everyone else who triumphed over adversity, we are scrappy. And yes, we still take our stand.

Georgia Senate Races - Can You Help?

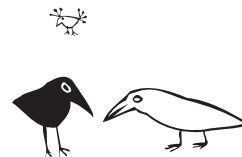
Volunteers for phone banks are needed to inform and encourage voters in Georgia to vote for the Democratic US Senate candidates. There will be two runoff races in the peach state and a Democratic victory could tie the US Senate. This is crucial to giving Joe and Kamala the power they need to implement programs to fight COVID-19 and help our nation recover from the damage done by the Trump administration. This will be an ongoing effort until the runoff elections in January. If you want to help, go to mobilize.us/nc2020victory/.

Many, Many Thanks

Volunteers and supporters are the lifeblood of the Democratic Party, and here in Randolph County, you are absolutely critical to the strides we are making to reach residents. Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2020 election: running for office, voting, working at the polls, calling, texting, displaying signs, attending online meetings, writing postcards, posting factual information online, talking to friends and neighbors, donating time and money, etc. etc. But our work is far from over. Keep up the good work, Randolph County Democrats!

And Even More Thanks

We would be remiss if we didn’t offer special thanks to the following people who ensured that our November election was conducted fairly, safely, and efficiently in the middle of a pandemic: Melissa Johnson, our Randolph County Elections Director, and her staff who worked tirelessly for weeks on end to ensure the election was conducted safely and fairly; our local Board of Elections members Margaret Megerian, Tiffany Alston, Pete Oldham, Darren Allen, and Mary Joan Pugh who spent many hours, even after November third, certifying the results and hearing provisional ballot requests and other election challenges; and last, but certainly not least, Election Day and Early Voting poll workers who braved a pandemic so we could all vote. Please give them your thanks if you see them in person.



Local Non-profits in Need

In this season of giving, please consider a donation to one of many worthy local non-profits. Listed here are a few examples. Whether giving money or your time as a volunteer, your gift will help make Randolph County a better place.

The Volunteer Center of Randolph County is directed by Jean Vollrath. Go to the website for a list of non-profits that are in need of volunteers, as well as an application form.

- volunteerrandolph.org

2020 Governor's School Supply Drive. Help provide necessary school supplies to support North Carolina public school students and teachers. More students are returning to the classroom while others continue to learn from home. Regardless of where or how students are learning, families and teachers need our help to get students the right school supplies. Donations can be designated for Asheboro City or Randolph County Schools. Donate now through December 16.

- ncnpta.org/index.php/governors-school-supply-2020
- 3501 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27612-4934
- (800) 255-0417
- office@ncpta.org

Boys and Girls Club Central Asheboro provides programs for disadvantaged youth, with a focus on education and career development, health and life skills, character and leadership development, the arts, and sports, fitness, and recreation.

- bpclubs.org/about-our-clubs/central-boys-girls-club/
- 801 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro, NC 27203
- phone: (336) 882-2582

Randolph County Communities in Schools surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Services include providing food to hungry children on the weekends, book giveaways, academic tutoring, enrichment programs, providing mentors for individual students or small groups, book clubs, Reality Store (financial literacy experience) and much more.

- cisnc.org
- 1011 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro, NC 27203
- (33) 625-0008

Randolph County Family Crisis Center serves people in crisis from domestic and family violence, sexual assault, rape, child abuse, and human trafficking. Services include case management, support groups, children's programs, parenting classes, crisis/therapeutic counseling, emergency shelter, 24 hour crisis line, and safety planning.

- randolphfcc.org
- 624-A S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC 27203
- (336) 626-5040

Central Piedmont Community Action/Randolph County. Through intensive case management, guidance, and referrals, low-income individuals and families are assisted to transition from poverty to economic security. Specific client services are based on the individual needs of participants and the availability of funds. The program is not a quick fix or emergency assistance service. Program participants must have a genuine desire to improve their circumstances and self-sufficiency over time.

- cpcanc.org
- 703 Farr St., Asheboro, NC 27203
- (336) 636-5179

NC Guardian ad Litem Randolph County trains volunteers to be the voice of children who are involved in court proceedings as victims of abuse or neglect.

- volunteerforgal.org
- 176 E. Salisbury St., Suite 106, Asheboro, NC 27203
- (336) 328-3170

George Washington Carver Community

Enrichment Center is an East Side facility whose purpose is to promote the arts in order to uplift the community. It includes a theater seating 200, dressing rooms, state-of-the-art lighting, banquet room, kitchen, boardroom, and office/ticket sales space. GWCCEC works in collaboration with the Randolph Arts Guild, Asheboro City Schools, and Rhinoleap Productions, a professional theater company, to create after-school and summer arts programs with community youth. Contact Jane Ledwell-Gant at (336) 465-7811 to make a donation.

The Hope of East Side was recently founded by Dimitria McSwain to benefit and provide activities for young people who live in the East Side community. Plans include a book pantry which will feature books that supplement what children are taught in school. Dimitria is also working in cooperation with Our Daily Bread Kitchen and the Cafe on Loach St. to start a food pantry to be located at East Side Park. Phone: Dimitria McSwain (336) 257-5327. Donations can be made to Our Daily Bread Kitchen (see below.)

Our Daily Bread Kitchen is a collaborative in the East Side community of Asheboro, NC. It exists to provide nutritious meals to needy families and individuals with a wholesome and peaceful environment where community is represented by those served and those who serve them.

- odbkitchen.org
- 831 E. Pritchard St., Asheboro, NC 27203
- (336) 626-2563

Randolph County Habitat for Humanity helps families build and improve places to call home. They believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. Habitat's homeowner families buy the houses that Habitat builds and renovates. Habitat homeowners also invest hundreds of hours of their own labor working alongside volunteers. As a result, Habitat for Humanity houses are affordable to low-income families around the world.

- habitatrc.org
- PO Box 669, Asheboro, NC 27204-0669
- (336) 625-1429
- wpegg@habitatrc.org

Randolph Senior Adults Association has served Randolph County since 1975, improving the quality of life for residents aged 50 and older. Its four senior centers, in Asheboro, Archdale, Liberty, and Randleman, provide activities ranging from craft classes to exercise, parties, line dancing, senior games, and much more. Thousands of meals are served or delivered via Meals-on-Wheels to seniors each year. RSAA also operates RCATS transportation service and Our Place Adult Day Care in Asheboro with daily activities and meals for participants age 18 and over who still live at home with family but need a safe and engaging option for care during the day.

- senioradults.org
- 347 W. Salisbury St., Asheboro, NC 27203
- (336) 625-3389

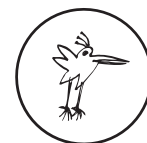
November 2020 Election Results

This year's election brought good and bad news. Let's get the bad news out of the way first. Our Randolph County Democratic candidates were unable to withstand unprecedented Republican turnout in what was going to be a tough election even without a red wave and dealing with a pandemic. Republicans outperformed Democrats at the federal, state, and local level in every race in Randolph County.

Now for the good news. Democrats outperformed their registration numbers. Our county-wide candidates each had over 15,700 votes despite a turnout of only a little over 12,300 Democratic voters in this election. This means we were able to sway at least 3000 voters who were either unaffiliated or registered with other parties. In Asheboro East, District Judge Brooke Schmidly came out well over 300 votes ahead of her GOP challenger with over 3000 votes cast in the precinct where only 1113 registered Democrats voted. It was the only precinct win for a Democratic candidate in Randolph County. Our candidates for NC House and Senate and County Commissioner were only off by about 200 votes from their Republican opponents there as well. We need to spread our successes in Asheboro East to other precincts.

As COVID-19 is peaking a second time in Randolph County and North Carolina, our party knows we did everything we could to protect our community. We followed the protocols and guidance from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. We wore masks and enforced social distancing when campaigning. We opted to drop off campaign literature door-to-door rather than canvas face-to-face. We avoided holding large indoor campaign events, opting instead for online meetings. GOP candidates largely ignored the guidance. Sadly 87 people have now died due to the disease and 5,488 cases have been confirmed in our county since March.

Please stay safe as we navigate the winter months. Wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and stay home when possible. We will make it through this to better days.



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- Website: randolphcountydems.org
- Facebook:
facebook.com/RandolphCountyDemocraticParty/
- Address: Democratic Headquarters, 114 Sunset Ave.,
Asheboro, NC 27203 (henceforth referred to as HQ)
- Mailing address: Randolph County Democratic Party,
P.O. Box 4814, Asheboro, NC 27204
- Headquarter closed until further notice (as of March 30)

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Statement of Purpose

We are a diverse, inclusive community of resilient, respectful local citizens who are open-minded, compassionate, and courageous.

We are focused on facts, truth, accountability, justice, and the common good.

We work to promote democratic ideals.

We fight for the preservation of democracy, fair representation and governance, social justice, a healthy environment, economic opportunity, and a better future for all.

We encourage our community to be informed and involved and to elect Democrats who stand for these ideals.

Calendar *(All meetings will be conducted online due to COVID-19.)*

January 5 at 7 pm — **Randolph County Democratic Party Executive Committee Meeting:** Committee members (which include precinct chairs and vice-chairs) should have received an email or phone call with the links for this meeting. The meeting is also open to other registered Democrats in Randolph County. To attend, email *rcdp.CountyChair@gmail.com* or leave a message at (336) 629-9003.

January 23 — **The Randolph County Democratic Women** will meet at a time to be determined. In the meantime, you can reach us at *democraticwomenrc@gmail.com*.

February 27 — **Winter SEC Meeting**

March 6 - March 20 — **Precinct Organization Meetings**

April 10 — **County Convention** (April 17 make-up date if needed)

May 22 — **District Convention**

August 7 — **Summer SEC Meeting**



Make Your Voices Heard

Here are the names and telephone numbers of our representatives in the state legislature. Please contact them to voice your opinions. More contact information can be found on the Randolph County Democratic Party website: **randolphcountydems.org**



Rep. Pat Hurley (District 70)
(919) 733-5865



Rep. Allen McNeill (District 78)
(202) 225-3065



Sen. David Craven (Dist. 26)
(919) 733-5870