



Pitch in for 2022 — Many Hands Make Light Work

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Chair, Randolph County Democratic Party

First, I want to extend my congratulations to **Bill McCaskill**, who was elected to the Asheboro City Council. Bill is a good and decent man with a heart for public service. Asheboro will be a better place for having him on the Council. I am, however, sorry to see that **Katie Snuggs** was not reelected but I hope that she and **Delilah Warner** will both continue with their important work on the Asheboro Redevelopment Commission.

The Asheboro City Schools race did not turn out well for us. The local GOP accomplished their mission of scaring white folks with false narratives about Critical Race Theory and the purpose of ACSs' Equity and Inclusion Committee. Thank you to **Todd Dulaney, Kathryn Thill, and Bob Williams** for stepping up to run. Putting yourself out there is not an easy thing to do, especially in the kind of political climate we have in Randolph County. I admire the dedication these candidates have to the children in Asheboro City Schools. I hope in the future we see more excellent candidates like these.

We kept Democratic incumbents on their respective municipal boards around the county. Also, we were happy to see that Ramsey's first-time commissioner candidate **Diana Brower** received nearly twice as many votes as the next highest vote-getter. If Ramsey's practice of appointing the highest vote-getter as Mayor Pro Tem holds, Diana will have that title as well. Congratulations to all these candidates. Keep up the good work!

I want to make sure that everyone knows, however, that we could have won seats on the school board. We could have kept Katie's seat on the Asheboro City Council *and* elected Bill also. If 27 more votes had been cast for Katie, she would have retained her seat. If we could have turned out about 400 more voters, we could have taken

at least one of the school board seats. There were 31,929 eligible voters for this election countywide.

Only 3,960 people cast votes. That's an abysmal 12.4%. We must do better. There are no elections that affect your daily lives as much as your municipal elections do, yet we continually leave votes on the table.

You will hear me harping on this for the rest of my tenure as RCDP Chair, so prepare yourselves to hear it, loudly and often. We must look at this election as our wake-up call for the 2022 midterms. We must turn out our voters next year. This means we will need volunteers. Many hands make light work. If we all pitch in just a little bit, the returns on our investment will be huge. Even in a county like Randolph, where Dems are outnumbered nearly 3:1, we can still affect statewide and national races. Let's not leave any more votes on the table, y'all.



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To see all the municipal election results go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/RandolphMuni>



Redistricting Maps for 2022 Election

by Susie Scott

The North Carolina Legislature passed new maps for NC House, NC Senate, and US Congress on November 4, 2021. Redistricting maps cannot be vetoed by Governor Cooper, but lawsuits have already been filed challenging the extremely gerrymandered maps that are expected to deliver super majorities in the NC House and Senate, as well as deliver a US Congressional House majority to Republicans in combination with gerrymandered districts favoring GOP candidates in other states. Unless an injunction is granted by the courts, the maps will be used for the 2022 Election. (Filing to run for office under the new maps runs from Dec. 6 - 17, 2021.)

NC House

The new maps have three NC House districts in Randolph County: 54, 70, and 78. District 54 consists of all of Chatham County with the addition of Staley and Liberty precincts. It's the home district of Rep. Robert Reives, the Democratic leader in the House.

District 70 consists of 12 precincts, all within Randolph County: Archdale, Asheboro East, Asheboro North, Asheboro South, Asheboro West, Back Creek, Level Cross, New Market, Randleman, Tabernacle, Trinity, and Trinity Tabernacle. Rep. Pat Hurley is the current incumbent in this district.

District 78 consists of a mixture of precincts in both Moore and Randolph Counties. In Randolph, it includes Deep River, Grant, Providence, Ramseur, Southeast, Southern, Southwest, and Union Grove. In Moore County, it includes precincts Bensalem, D-HR, Pinehurst A1, Pinehurst A2, Pinehurst B1, Pinehurst B2, Pinehurst C, Robbins, Seven Lakes, Taylortown, Westmoore, and West End. Rep. Allen McNeill is the current incumbent in this district.

NC Senate

There are two NC Senate districts in Randolph County: 25 and 29. District 29's current incumbent is Dave Craven.

District 25 consists of all of Alamance County as well as eight Randolph County precincts: Deep River, Level Cross, Liberty, Providence, Ramseur, most of Randleman, Southeast, and Staley. The current incumbent is Sen. Amy Galey from Alamance County.

District 29 consists of 15 Randolph County precincts along with Montgomery County, Richmond County, Anson County, and the southern and western edges

of Union County. In Randolph County, it includes precincts Archdale, Asheboro East, Asheboro North, Asheboro South, Asheboro West, Back Creek, Grant, New Market, several voter blocks in southern Randleman, Southwest, Tabernacle, Trinity, and Trinity Tabernacle. The current incumbent is Sen. Dave Craven.

Randolph County is fully contained within US Congressional District 7, that also consists of Alamance County, Chatham County, Lee County, the eastern part of Davidson County, the eastern part of Guilford County, a southwest part of Wake County, and the northern tip of Harnett County. There is no current incumbent in this district

Go to randolphcountydems.org/2021-redistricting/ to see the new maps. If you don't have internet access, please contact HQ and copies of the maps will be provided for you.



NCDP Statement on Historic Build Back Better Act Passage in US House

North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) Chair Bobbie Richardson released the following statement on the passage of President Biden's Build Back Better Act in the US House:

"President Biden campaigned on the promise of listening to all sides to get results for working families in North Carolina and across the country."

In North Carolina, the Build Back Better Act will:

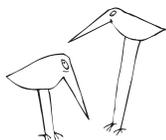
- Enable NC to provide access to childcare for 629,956 young children and ensure these families pay no more than 7% of their income on high-quality childcare.
- Expand access to free, high-quality preschool to more than 154,103 children.
- Make the largest effort to combat climate change in American history.
- Reduce housing costs and expand housing options for 632,000 renters in NC who are rent burdened.
- Expand health care coverage for 388,000 uninsured people, including the 212,000 who fell into the Medicaid coverage gap, and lower costs for 229,100 people who on average save hundreds of dollars per year.
- Provide a tax cut of up to \$1,500 for 593,900 low-wage workers in North Carolina.

To read Dr Richardson's full statement, visit tinyurl.com/BuildBackBiden.

Running for Office — 2022

Below is a partial list of the Randolph County offices that will be voted on in the 2022 election. For a complete list, including filing dates and fees, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2022Filing>.

Office	Current Officeholder	Party
NC Senate 25	Amy Galey	R
NC Senate 29	David Craven, Jr.	R
NC House 70	Pat Hurley	R
NC House 78	Allen McNeill	R
NC House 54	Robert Reives	R
RC Clark of Courts	Pam Hill	R
RC Register of Deeds	Krista Lowe	R
RC Sheriff	Greg Seabolt	R
RC Commissioners	Darrell Frye David Allen Hope Haywood	R R R
RC Board of Education	Todd Cutler Brian Biggs Fred Burgess	R R R
Archdale Mayor	Lewis W. Dorsett	R
Archdale City Council at large	Lori Mabe-McCroskey	R
NC Supreme Court	Robin Hudson Samuel Ervin IV	D D
Superior Court Judge	V. Brad Long	R
NC District 19 Judge	Lee Gavin Scott C. Etheridge Sarah Neely Lanier	R R R



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Equity: a Good Word, a Good Goal

by Todd Dulaney

Equity is a hot topic in the Asheboro City School district these days. So we're all on the same page, "equity" is simply removing the barriers for students so that ALL students have the opportunity to get a quality education. Equity is NOT prioritizing one group of students over another.

"Equity" is also not a new term in the ACS. In 2016, the Board of Education created an Equity Team with a goal of "empowering learners and leaders to embrace diversity and ensure equity."

That Equity Team then developed the district's three-year Equity and Inclusion Plan, which the board of education approved unanimously in 2020. Currently, the district is currently conducting a systematic review of district and school-level practices and policies that will be used to develop a prioritized list of practices, procedures, and policies that need to be rewritten or created to produce equitable outcomes for students.

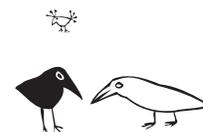
Bottom line: "The district's Equity Team and the Race and Equity Board policy were created to promote and encourage racial equity and social justice through education, reflection, partnerships, engagement, and advocacy," the district's website states.

There's that word again: "equity." It's a good word, and a good goal rooted in fairness and reason.

However, during the recent school board election, the local Republican party tried, and succeeded, in portraying the district's efforts to improve equity and inclusion in Asheboro schools in a negative light. One candidate went so far as to say he that he thought the Equity and Inclusion plan is racist. He will be sworn-in as a new member of the board of education at its Dec. 9 meeting.

Also at that meeting, the board will vote on the district's new Four-year Strategic Plan — which uses the word equity or equitable in three separate sections. At an Education Town Hall at the George Washington Carver Community Enrichment Center, district representatives, including Supt. Dr. Aaron Woody, went through the draft plan in detail. "Equity" came up again and again.

The public has until Dec. 4 to weigh in on the draft plan and can send questions and comments — including encouraging the district to continue to promote equity and inclusion in our schools — to feedback@asheboro.k12.nc.us.



It Can Be Done

We know it can be done. Bill McCaskill won a seat on the Asheboro City Council.

When we say every vote counts, we mean *your* vote. Thank you to everyone who cast a ballot whether it was by mail, during early voting, or on the big day itself.

Now there are two big jobs in front of us.

The first is to register Democrats. The second is to get all these people out to vote starting in February — early voting for the March 2022 primaries.

Put on your seat belts, we have to move fast. The GOP is doing all it can to suppress every vote it can. Canvassing is great for this, but everyone of us can register people from home. Friends and family are close and available for conversations. We can reach out to young voters, including those turning 18 by next November. We will have lists of active Democrats in your area to call, as well addresses where you can hang materials on doors.

If you can give just a few hours a week, we will give you something to do that can make the difference in the March 2022 election.

— by Linda Hartman

Reviews

Lead from the Outside: How to Build Your Future and Make Real Change by Stacey Abrams.

Stacy Abrams, one of the most prominent Black female politicians in the country, originally published this book in 2018. She says, “First things first might be a cliché, but it’s a useful one that means prioritizing what matters most to you and believing there is no wrong answer. First things first requires us to prioritize our time.” Stacy Abrams goes with “Gotta Do,” “Need to Do,” “Oughta Do,” and “Might Get Around To.” This book is full of the author’s insightful methods of succeeding in a minority position.

— reviewed by Bob Williams



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Calendar (*Meetings will be conducted in person unless otherwise announced.*)

December 4 at 6 pm — **NAACP 2021 Freedom Fund Banquet, guest speaker: the Honorable Cheri Beasley, former Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court. George Washington Carver Community Enrichment Center, 950 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Asheboro**

December 6 at noon — **Candidate filing period begins**

December 6 at 6 pm — **Randolph County Commissioners meet at Historic Randolph County Courthouse, 145 Worth St, Asheboro.** A vigil/rally to support moving the statue is planned for 4 pm. Please plan to attend.

December 7 at 7 pm — **Randolph County Democratic Party Executive Committee Meeting:** The meeting is open to all registered Democrats in Randolph County. A Zoom link will be available by request. Email: rcdp.CountyChair@gmail.com or leave a message at 336-629-9003

December 9 at 7 pm — **Asheboro City Council meets at Asheboro City Hall Council Chamber, 146 N. Church St, Asheboro**

December 9 at 7:30 pm — **Asheboro City Schools Board meets at Media Center, South Asheboro Middle School, 523 W Walker Ave, Asheboro**

December 13 at 6:30 pm — **Randolph County Board of Education meets at Central Services Boardroom, 2222-C S. Fayetteville St, Asheboro**

December 14 at 5 pm — **Randolph County Board of Elections meets at RC Board of Elections, Northgate Commons, 1457 N. Fayetteville St., Asheboro**

December 17 at noon — **Candidate filing period ends**

January 3 at 6 pm — **Randolph County Commissioners meet at Historic Randolph County Courthouse, 145 Worth St, Asheboro**

January 4 at 7 pm — **Randolph County Democratic Party Executive Committee Meeting**

January 11 at 5 pm — **Randolph County Board of Elections meets at RC Board of Elections, Northgate Commons, 1457 N. Fayetteville St., Asheboro**

January 15 — **February/March newsletter deadline**