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CALENDAR

(Meetings will be conducted in person at Democratic HQ, 114 Sunset Ave, Asheboro, NC, unless otherwise noted.)

☑ **County Commissioners Meeting** Monday, December 1, 6:00 pm, Historic Randolph Courthouse, Worth St, Asheboro. Arrive 1 hour early to get on the public comment list.

☑ **County Commissioners Hearing on Library Board of Trustees**, Monday, December 8, 6:00 pm, Historic Randolph Courthouse, Worth St, Asheboro. Arrive 1 hour early to get on the public comment list.

☑ **Filing Period to Run for Office 2026 Begins** Monday, December 1, at noon. File at the Randolph Board of Elections, 1457 N. Fayetteville St, Asheboro.

☑ **Asheboro Christmas Parade** Friday, December 5, 7:00 pm, Downtown Asheboro; facebook.com/events/744362805268367

☑ **Monthly Breakfast and Executive Committee Meeting** at HQ Saturday, December 13, 9:30 am; Bring a breakfast item to share. mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/event/850250/

☑ **Filing Period to Run for Office 2026 Ends** Wednesday, December 19, 2025, at noon.

WEEKLY EVENTS

☑ **Stand on Salisbury (SOS)** Weekly protest on Tuesdays from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm at the corner of Cox and Salisbury in Asheboro. All lovers of democracy welcome!

☑ **Espresso Your Voice** Conversation, connection and advocacy, Hosted by Democracy Forward, Thursdays at 4:30 pm at the Chat & Chew Bakery & Café, 10301 N Main St, Archdale.

To RSVP for upcoming events, please visit mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems.

Notices & Announcements

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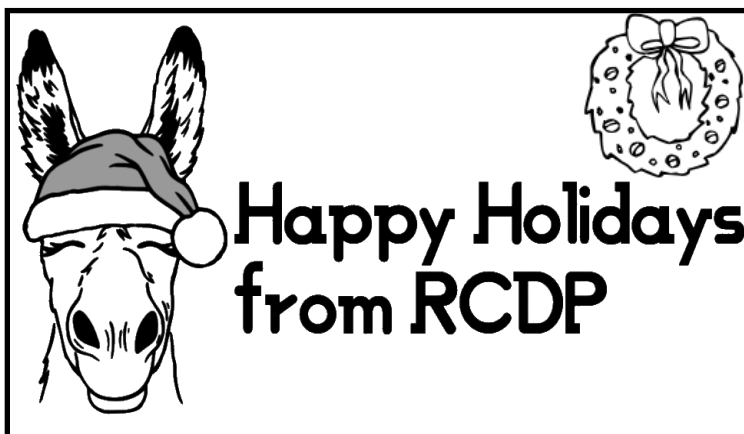
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Why Every Vote Matters: A Look at Our Local Election Results

By Kim Nelson-Edwards, Chair, Randolph County Democratic Party



The recent municipal elections across Randolph County and our neighboring communities remind us just how powerful—and how fragile—our civic participation can be. Many of these races were incredibly close, and just a handful of votes could have changed the outcome:

- **Liberty:** The race was extremely tight—9 votes would have changed the results.
- **Ramseur:** Only 52 votes stood between victory and defeat.
- **Seagrove:** 16 votes could have shifted the outcome.
- **Thomasville:** Just 5 votes separated the winner from a different result.
- **Asheboro:** Our single candidate fought hard, ultimately losing by 411 votes.
- **Randleman:** A bright spot—our candidate won by 266 votes.
- **Seagrove (Council balance):** If our candidate had received just 5 more votes, we would now hold half the seats.

These numbers tell a clear story: every vote matters - more than most people realize. Looking ahead to 2026, the stakes are high. We must begin preparing now for 2026. These will be some of the most important contests our state has faced in years. If we all do our civic duty and show up to vote, the issue of AFFORDABILITY—a concern affecting households across our communities, will finally be taken seriously. Your vote is your power to hold leaders accountable. No more free rides.

It's up to all of us to reshape the landscape—for ourselves, for our people, and for our future.

WHICH PUBLIC OFFICE SHOULD YOU RUN FOR?

The period to file to run for office in 2026 starts at noon on December 1 and ends December 19 at noon.

The following offices file with a county board of elections office. Find county board of elections contact information by visiting ncsbe.gov/about-elections/county-boards-election.

Office	Salary	Filing Fee
County Offices such as County Commissioner, Board of Education, etc.	Contact county	Contact county
Soil and Water-candidate filing begins at noon on June 8, 2026, and ends at 5 p.m., on July 6, 2026	Set rate not based on salary	\$5
State Representative	\$13,951	\$139.51
State Senator	\$13,951	\$139.51

Please remember RCDP when making your holiday charitable donations!

The 2026 midterm elections will be here before we know it. The candidate filing period begins on December 1. It is vitally important that we build up a nest egg so we can be prepared. The following list gives examples of ways in which your donation will help us keep our headquarters open, staffed, and connected, allowing us to do the maximum amount of voter outreach in Randolph County.

- \$25 – Stock water, drinks, and snacks for HQ volunteers
- \$50 – Cover Act Blue fees for one month.
- \$150 – Pay our power bill or internet access for 1 month.
- \$200 – Web hosting and domain registration for 1 year.
- \$450 – Postage for 1 full newsletter mailing.
- \$500 – 1 Education scholarship for a local, college, or trade school-bound senior.
- \$900 – 1 month rent for our headquarters.
- \$1000 – 1 year of renter's insurance for our HQ.
- \$1500 – NCDP Sustaining Fund dues for 1 year.

Please use the enclosed envelope to send us a donation if you are able. Donations can also be made online at secure.actblue.com/donate/rcdems2025.

Your contribution will have a profound impact on our ability to reach voters in 2026. Thank you for helping us out!

If you are experiencing food insecurity or know someone who is, please use this list to find a food pantry near you. Pass this list along to neighbors. Download a copy at tinyurl.com/RCFoodResources.

Randolph County NC Food Resource List

Company Name	Phone No.	Type	Location	City	Operational Information
Archdale Friends (Out of the Garden Project)		Food Assistance	114 Trindale Rd	Archdale	1st Friday at 2 pm For families with children 0-18
Community Outreach of Archdale- Trinity	336-431-3663	Food Pantry	10607 N Main St	Archdale	Monday - Friday, 9 am - 11:30 am
Randolph Senior Adults Association- Archdale		Community Meals	108 Park Dr.	Archdale	Services for those aged 60+ Congregate Meals, Monday - Friday Meals on Wheels, Monday - Friday for homebound
Our Daily Bread Kitchen	336-626-2563	Community Meals	831 East Pritchard St	Asheboro	Monday - Friday, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
The Salvation Army- Asheboro	336-625-0551	Food Pantry	345 N Church St	Asheboro	Tues - Fri 8:30 am - 3 pm; First come, First served No ID needed. Come early, food can run out
Bailey's Grove Baptist Church	336-672-9318	Food Pantry	1556 N Fayetteville St	Asheboro	Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm No ID required Call office to pick up during office hours
Reach Church (formerly Asheboro First Assembly)	336-629-3101	Food Pantry	909 Meadowbrook Rd	Asheboro	3rd Wednesdays 5 pm - 6 pm
Brandie's Pantry	336-267-4623	Food Pantry	1063 Walden Rd	Asheboro	Thursdays, 4 pm - 5:30 pm
Christians United Outreach Center	336-625-1500	Food Pantry	930 S Fayetteville St	Asheboro	Monday- Tuesday: 10 am - 3 pm Thursday: 12 pm - 6 pm Friday: 10 am - 2 pm No ID needed
Randolph Senior Adults Association - Asheboro		Community Meals	347 W. Salisbury St.	Asheboro	Services for those aged 60+ Congregate Meals, Monday - Friday Meals on Wheels, Monday - Friday for homebound
Beulah Baptist Church	336-581-3121	Food Pantry	7239 NC Hwy 22-24	Bennett	Every 3rd Saturday 10 am - 12 pm
Bethlehem UM Church	336-674-0155	Blessing Box	6103 Appomattox Rd	Climax	Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Self Service
Grays Chapel Methodist Church	336-824-2463	Food Pantry	5056 NC Hwy 22 North	Franklinville	Every Friday, 11 am - 1 pm No ID needed
Grace Point Pantry	336-989-8000	Food Pantry	5934 Surret Dr	High Point	2nd and 4th Saturdays: 10 am - 2 pm
Julian United Methodist Church	336-302-7464	Food Pantry	2105 NC Hwy 62 E	Julian	3rd Saturday: 9 am - 10 am
Mobile Food Market at Liberty Public Library (Out of the Garden Project)		Food Assistance	239 S. Fayetteville St	Liberty	3rd Saturday at 2:30 pm For families with children 0-18
Liberty Association of Churches	336-622-8312	Food Pantry	329-B W. Bowman Ave	Liberty	Monday - Thursday, 2 pm - 5 pm Must apply (can be helped once every 30 days) Must be a Liberty resident or attend one of the churches Must bring ID; all adults in home must apply separately
Randolph Senior Adults Association - Liberty		Community Meals	128 S. Fayetteville St.	Liberty	Services for those aged 60+ Congregate Meals, Monday - Friday Meals on Wheels, Monday - Friday for homebound
Ramseur Food Pantry	336-824-8045	Food Pantry	724 Liberty St	Ramseur	Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11 am - 1 pm Tuesday: 5 pm - 7 pm Ramseur residents only
Academy St Baptist Church	743-895-0002	Blessing Box	326 W. Academy St	Randleman	Blessings Box Call Pastor Wolfe to ensure food is available
Randolph Senior Adults Association - Randleman		Community Meals	144 W. Academy St.	Randleman	Services for those aged 60+ Congregate Meals, Monday - Friday Meals on Wheels, Monday - Friday for homebound
The Blessings Pantry at Randleman First Wesleyan	N/A	Food Pantry	125 Tabernacle St	Randleman	Every 3rd Monday, 5 pm - 7 pm
First Baptist Church of Randleman	336-498-8255	Food Pantry	100 N Main St.	Randleman	3rd Saturday: 10 am - 1 pm
Midway United Missionary Church	336-498-7580	Food Pantry	307 S Stout St	Randleman	Tues, Wed, Sat, Sun: 5 pm - 7 pm Thurs and Friday: By Appointment only
Hope Baptist Church of NC	336-495-4673	Food Pantry	4872 Old Edgar Rd	Sophia	By appointment only
The Neighborhood Café at Trinity Memorial UMC		Community Meals	7140 NC Hwy 62	Trinity	Hot Meal, Thursdays 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

ICE Raids Charlotte - From Democracy Forward

Federal immigration officers conducted a major sweep in Charlotte in November, detaining roughly 130 people, including landscapers and a church volunteer. In one case, agents entered a church on Albemarle Road while parishioners were doing yard work, reportedly detaining people without asking questions or checking identification.

The operation caused widespread fear in the community, with some individuals running into nearby woods to avoid being taken. Local leaders have sharply condemned the raids, saying they are creating panic and instability in the community.

Contact US Senators and US Reps (Call Script)

I'm outraged by the recent ICE raids in Charlotte that swept up church volunteers and community members without cause. These actions are creating fear, destabilizing families, and undermining trust in public institutions. I'm demanding that you call for immediate oversight of ICE operations in North Carolina and push for clear limits on raids carried out without probable cause. This is unacceptable, and I expect you to take a public stand immediately.

*See back page of this newsletter for your legislators' contact information.

Randolph Library to assist our unhoused neighbors

Help out our Community Navigators during the 2026 Point-In-Time Count with your donations! The Annual PIT count is a literal count of persons experiencing homelessness. This takes place during January each year. Our Community Navigators will give out donated supplies directly to people who are living outside during this time.

Items Needed:

Hygiene items: Body wipes, Chapstick, individual hand sanitizers
Living Supplies: Hand warmers, individual emergency blankets
Food Items: Fruit cups, applesauce, Pop Tarts, soft granola bars, pudding cups

To help our neighbors experiencing homelessness, call 336-318-6825 or drop off donations at any local Randolph County Public Library Branch by January 9.

Contact Your Commissioners—Let Them Know We're Paying Attention

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RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND ALLIES

The ACLU has a document, in English and Spanish, with resources for Immigrant Communities and Allies. View the document at tinyurl.com/ACLUResources.

Siembra NC siembranc.org was born in 2017 in response to Trump's war on immigrants and the gap in support and resources for the broader Latine community in North Carolina. They have also launched a website called Ojo Obrero ("Look out, workers") to track ICE and Border Patrol activities in NC. Visit ojonc.org.

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Call to Action: Commissioners to ban book and replace Library Board that protected First Amendment rights.

Randolph County Commissioners will have a meeting where they plan to dismiss and replace the entire Randolph County Library Board. Earlier this fall the Public Library Board voted NOT to ban a children's book from the public library about a transgender character (*Call Me Max* by Kyle Lukoff).

Our school libraries are already being censored due to laws passed by the General Assembly. Now they're coming for our public libraries! Conservative churches are getting out the word to bring buses of supporters to cheer on the commissioners' attempt at replacing the Library Board.

When: Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Where: Historic Randolph County Courthouse Meeting Room, 145-C Worth St, Asheboro

This meeting will fill up fast. We need every voice possible inside that room. Arrive no later than 5:00 PM to secure a seat and place early on the public comment list. If the meeting runs long or gets cut short, only early speakers will be heard—let's make sure we're among them.

We also need a strong presence at the Commissioner's regular monthly meeting:

When: Monday, December 1 at 6:00 PM

Where: Historic Randolph County Courthouse Meeting Room, 145-C Worth St, Asheboro

Public comment will likely be cut off again after the first 15 minutes. Arrive early to sign up, or be prepared to stay through the entire meeting to be called at the end. Consistent, visible participation matters.