

Currituck DEMS



**A newsletter from the Currituck County Democratic Party
Fall 2021 (Edition 1: Issue 1)**

From the Chair, C. Dorsey Harris

Thank you for being a Democrat here in Currituck County. As the new Currituck County Democratic Party chair, I hope to empower us as Democrats to organize our party and make us known who we are to the voters here in the county. We have a huge task ahead of us but I am certain it can be accomplished. First, I encourage you to reach out to me and second, I encourage you to recruit future Democrats to our party. Please feel free to share with me any names and their contacts of people who would like to receive communiques from our party and our newsletter. I am continuing to add names of Democrats to our list as I find them.

Here's wishing you the best. Please stay safe out there.

Best,
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2021 Summer SEC Meeting

The 2021 Summer SEC Meeting was held on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 10 AM by ZOOM. C. Dorsey Harris, Chair, and Marqueta Walker, 1st Vice-Chair were in attendance.



Quote

A conservative is a man with two perfectly good legs who, however, has never learned how to walk forward.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

New Currituck Co. Democratic Party Officers

Recently, the Currituck County Democratic Party nominated and elected new party officers. We reorganized, nominated, and elected three new officers as well as officers we already had in place. We are fortunate to have the following officers. (See below)

Websites

North Carolina Democratic Party
ncdp.org

North Carolina State Board of Elections
ncsbe.gov

Currituck County Board of Elections
co.currituck.nc.us/departments/board-of-elections

Currituck DEMS Newsletter

Please read this Fall 2021 (Edition 1, Issue 1) Currituck DEMS Newsletter. We hope to plan more issues as we move forward throughout the year. The plan is to keep you informed of what's happening with Democrats and politics in Currituck County and across our State.

2022 US Senate Race in NC

The 2022 race to replace retiring GOP US Senator Richard Burr is on. We have four Democratic Candidates vying for this position. They are Cheri Beasley, former State Supreme Court Chief Justice; State Senator Jeff Jackson; Everett "Rett" Newton, mayor of Beaufort, NC; and Erica Smith, educator and former NC State Senator. The North Carolina Democratic Party as well as the Currituck County Democratic Party do not endorse any candidate until after the primary.

Our Currituck County Democratic Party Chair received this message from Matt Hughes. Please let us know if you would like to see our county party plan an in person event in the fall or for the holidays.

From Matt Hughes

I'm reaching out to you as many of our county parties are beginning to have events in person. And I for one am itching to hit the road to support our county parties as I have done for the past two terms as your second vice chair. It is always a joy to get out and support our county parties throughout the year at various events, gatherings, and meetings. And while we are not fully out of the woods yet with this pandemic, I know that many of

Chair:	C. Dorsey Harris
1st Vice-Chair:	Marqueta Walker
2nd Vice-Chair:	Marlee Dozier
3rd Vice-Chair:	Caitlin Stitz
Secretary:	Betsy Henkel
Treasurer:	Debbie Basnight

Currituck County Voting Precincts

Moyock	Poplar Branch
Gibbs Woods	Powells Point
Courthouse	Knotts Island
Indian Ridge	Carova Beach
Coinjock	Whalehead
Church's Island	

Reported Currituck County Precinct Officers

A special thanks to those precincts who have organized. The below listed precincts have organized and now host officers. We need the remaining four precincts to work on organizing their precincts. If you live in Carova, Coinjock, Gibbs Woods, or Knotts Island Precincts, I can assist you in organizing. Please contact me if you have ideas. I'd love to work with you.

Church's Island Precinct

Christopher Joel Hooper - Chair
Emily Jane Walker - Vice Chair
Samuel Archie Walker, III - Sec./Treasurer

Courthouse Precinct

J. R. Lilienthal - Chair
Marian E. Ford - Vice-Chair
Linda C. Brinson - Sec./Treasurer

Indian Ridge Precinct

Roy W. Harrison - Chair
Robert Bell, Jr. - Vice-Chair
Katherine Benton Harrison - Sec./Treasurer

Moyock Precinct

Delores Mercer Brown - Chair
Deborah Cavalcante - Vice-Chair
Doris Flora - Sec./Treasurer

Poplar Branch Precinct

Donna Steigelman - Chair
Joel Thomas Pearce - Vice-Chair
William Henkel Sec./Treasurer

our county parties will soon hold business meetings, fundraisers, and other events in person.

As we move into the fall, I'm hoping you'll share opportunities you might have where I can be of service while also fellowshipping with fellow Democrats from across the state. Next year's elections will be critical and as we hopefully turn the corner on this pandemic, I want to support you in any way you believe to be necessary.

Thank you for everything you're doing as county party chairs. You're our front line defense for the preservation of democracy here in North Carolina and for the country.

Best,
Matt

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Come Meet Cheri Beasley, Candidate for US Senate

Democrats are cordially invited to join a reception at the home of Lisa Harman-Wakefield on **Wednesday, August 25th at 5:30 PM** in Elizabeth City in support of Cheri Beasley's campaign for U.S. Senate. We hope you are able to attend to hear Cheri talk about her candidacy in this critical race.

Reception for Cheri Beasley for U.S. Senate

Hosted by:

Josh Bass, Hon. Janice McKenzie Cole, Lisa Harman-Wakefield, Nancy Lamb, and Meredith & Brett Lewis

Wednesday, August 25th at 5:30 PM
Elizabeth City, NC

For more information, contact Josh Bass or Dorsey Harris.

Powells Point Precinct

Kathy Gallop - Chair
Helen Newbern - Vice Chair
Sonya Dowdy-Green - Sec./Treasurer

Whalehead Precinct

Robert Fearn - Chair
Linda mcGee - Vice Chair
Bryan Daggett - Sec./Treasurer



The North Carolina Democratic Party

North Carolina Democrats are building the foundation for a prosperous and inclusive North Carolina, from Murphy to Manteo. We're leading the fight for job creation and livable wages, good public schools no matter the zip code and debt-free college, access to affordable health care, and taking a stand against gerrymandering and Republican attempts to rig the system.

Why Expand Medicaid

1. **It will help half a million North Carolinians access affordable health care coverage.** Over 500,000 North Carolinians make too much money to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford health insurance. Expanding Medicaid will close that coverage gap.

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Senate Votes to Pass President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan: Secures Critical Funding for Nation's Infrastructure

North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) Chair
Bobbie Richardson released the following
statement in response:

"Thanks to President Biden's competent leadership, the bipartisan deal has passed the Senate and is on track to help create millions of good-paying jobs, make critical investments in our nation's infrastructure, and continue our trajectory of historic economic growth. The passage of the bipartisan deal today is only further proof of President Biden and Democrats' commitment of delivering for North Carolina families."

- 2. It's good for our economy.** Expanding Medicaid would invest \$4 billion into our economy and create 43,000 jobs. And the proposal is simple. According to estimates, expanding Medicaid will be overwhelmingly paid for by the federal government. Any remaining costs would be funded by a small assessment on hospitals and health care providers.
- 3. It is the single most important step we can take to fight the opioid crisis.** North Carolina has the second highest rate of opioid deaths in the nation. Expanding Medicaid would help more people recover from addiction by increasing access to reliable drug treatment and mental health services.
- 4. It will bring jobs to rural North Carolina and keep rural hospitals open.** Since 2010, five rural hospitals in North Carolina have closed, and 40% of our rural hospitals are in the red. But rural hospitals are 84% less likely to close if they are located in a state that expanded Medicaid. Not to mention, expanding Medicaid will strengthen our rural economies by providing more jobs and more economic activity.
- 5. Thousands of veterans would gain access to coverage.** More than 23,000 veterans living in North Carolina fall in the coverage gap. Expanding Medicaid would make affordable healthcare more accessible for all of them.

