

# JUNE 2023

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO JOIN US IN THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY



SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

### WE HAVE A NEW OFFICE!

Thanks to our generous benefactor, Lindsay Webster, we are moving into our new office this summer! The SPCDP Headquarters will be located on East Main Street next to Bob's Car Wash starting in August. The building has been purchased by Lindsay Webster and the party will be moving into the back office for the remainder of 2023, with six months of free rent as part of Lindsay's contribution to the Forward Fund. The SPCDP will have the option of extending into the front of the building in 2024 if our finances permit.

We will be sharing the space with Dottie's Toffee for the time being.



### THANK YOU TO OUR FORWARD FUND DONORS

## FORWARD FUND

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#### FOUNDING MEMBERS

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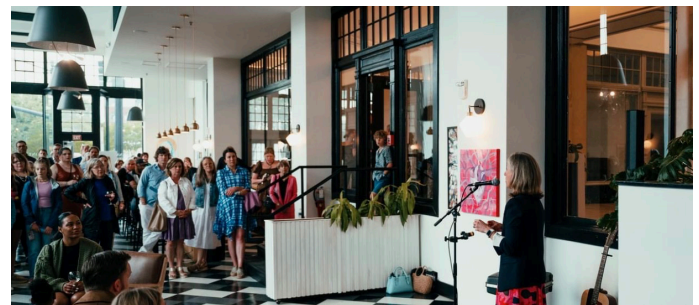


## OVER \$40,000 COMMITED

### THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS



Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Spartanburg Chapter of Mom's Demand Action on June 3rd at the Wear Orange Rally! Interested in getting involved? Contact Wilma Moore [wmoore@uwpiedmont.org](mailto:wmoore@uwpiedmont.org).



Over 120 people gathered at the Rights & Empowerment art show benefiting WREN at the Internal Affairs Gallery in May. More than \$10,000 was raised through the sale of art and direct donations to support the work of the Women's Rights & Empowerment Network!

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# CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH!

## SPARTANBURG JUNETEENTH

Spartanburg has many opportunities to honor and celebrate Juneteenth this month! SPCDP has a car in the Jubilee Parade on June 10, a booth to register voters at the Juneteenth Festival on the 17, and tickets to the BEC Gala for the Juneteenth Experience!



## JOIN US FOR THE JUBILEE!

Southside Scoop and Hattie House, Inc. present The Jubilee Parade commemorating Juneteenth, "The Journey Continues," on Saturday, June 10, 2023, 10 am to noon. The SPCDP will have a car in the parade, and you can Join us after the parade at Carver Middle School for the Juneteenth Dance Showcase and the crowning of Mr. & Mrs. Juneteenth!

Everyone is invited to view the parade which begins at the parking lot of Cornerstone Baptist Church, 700 S. Converse Street, and ends at Barksdale Boulevard. Pick a spot along the route and celebrate Juneteenth with your neighbors!



## CITY OF SPARTANBURG JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION WEEKEND JUNE 15-17

**Reclaiming Spartanburg's Black History Educational Panel**  
Thursday, June 15 from 6 pm to 8 pm  
Wofford College, Olin Teaching Theater

**Juneteenth Block Party**  
Friday, June 16 from 6 pm to 10 pm  
Love Where You Live Park off of South Spring Street.  
Featuring a Live DJ, Food Trucks, a 360 photo booth, and much more!

**Celebration Festival Saturday**  
Saturday, June 17 from 4 pm to 10 pm  
Downtown Spartanburg (near Love Where You Live Park)  
Featuring food, a kid's zone, live performances, and shopping with local vendors!

**Celebrate with the Juneteenth Experience**  
June 11 at the Annual Revival, June 14 at the Race Seminar, and June 17 at the BEC Gala at Chapman Cultural Center

## JUNETEENTH BEC GALA

BEC stands for Black Excellence Community Gala  
June 17th at the Chapman Cultural Center

The Occasion: Join us for an unforgettable evening at the Spartanburg Juneteenth BEC Gala, where we celebrate the spirit of Juneteenth while supporting and empowering the small businesses and non-profit organizations. The festivities begin at 5:00 PM with a glamorous red-carpet event, followed by the ceremony starting at 6:30 PM. The gala will feature an incredible lineup of live lip sync contests for a \$800 grant.

The Attire: Formal/ Dress To Impress

The Format: Awards Show Followed by After Party Food/ Drinks/ VIP Sections

Hosted by Smitha An-Tione Lee & Company

Presented by Spartanburg Juneteenth Inc. & Spartanburg County

GA & VIP Tickets are Available, Don't Miss Out & Get Your Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/juneteenth-bec-gala-tickets-615093841237>

# CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH!



## 'A Run for More' Screening June 6 at 7pm

Join PLAG Spartanburg and Uplift Outreach Center on Tuesday, June 6 at 7pm at the Universalist Unitarian Church for a screening of the documentary A Run for More featuring Frankie Gonzales-Wolfe as she goes on a personal journey, questions her relationship to her community, runs for city council in San Antonio, and attempts to become the first openly elected transgender official in Texas.



## Upstate Black Pride Unity March & Festival

Saturday, June 24, 2023 at S Main St, Downtown Greenville  
 March 11 AM, Festival 12 - 8 PM  
<https://www.upstatepridesc.org/black-pride>



**CHECK OUT A LISTING OF EVENTS HERE**

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS JUNE 17 & 24!

We have opportunities to volunteer at the Juneteenth Festival in downtown Spartanburg on June 17 from 4-10pm, and the Upstate Pride Festival June 24 in Greenville from 12-8pm! Sign up below and SPCDP will contact you with more information. <https://bit.ly/DemVolunteers>

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



**BIG NEWS:** The 6-week abortion ban that passed the South Carolina General Assembly has been **BLOCKED** by a judge, and abortion is still legal up to 22 weeks in South Carolina!

## SIX WEEK ABORTION BAN BLOCKED TEMPORARILY, CASE HEADS TO THE SC SUPREME COURT

Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, Greenville Women's Clinic, and 2 physicians filed a lawsuit last week in state court seeking to block South Carolina's newly-enacted ban on abortion after approximately 6 weeks of pregnancy...and won.

## 6.01 Legislative THURSDAY

Fed. Bills H.R. 3746, H.R. 2796, H.R 3741, & Sen Executive Calendar #177

**1** H.R. 3746 is the Fiscal Responsibility Act which is the outcome of debt limit negotiations between the White House and House Republicans. President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) struck the deal Saturday. The Fiscal Responsibility Act suspends the debt limit until January 1, 2025 and caps spending for fiscal year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025, broken down by military and nonmilitary spending. In FY2024, military spending would be capped at \$886.3 billion, which is about 2% over the current funding. Nondefense spending would be capped at \$703.6 billion. While that would be a % reduction from FY 2023 levels.



**2** H.R. 3746 also mentions Student Loan Forgiveness and the cancelled pipeline project championed by Manchin. This Bill will end the pause on student loan payments 60 days after the act is signed into law, the establishment of work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits. Notably, the bill does not make any changes to Medicaid, Social Security, or Medicare. The bill also incorporates permitting reforms to the National Environmental Policy Act, including expediting the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project in West Virginia.

**3** H.R. 2796 Promoting Opportunities for Non-Traditional Capital Formation Act is a Bill that expands the functions of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Office of the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation. This Bill specifically asked the office to provide educational resources and host events to promote capital-raising options for underrepresented small businesses, businesses in rural areas, and businesses affected by natural disasters. It also mentions the office must meet annually with representatives of state securities commissions to discuss opportunities for collaboration and coordination.



**4** H.R. 3741 is to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit funds under such title from being used for any system through which counseling or referrals are provided to individuals regarding abortion services.

Text has not been provided even though it was introduced to the House May 26th, 2023. Republican Tracey Mann from Kansas wrote and introduced this Bill. Even though text has not been provided for the Bill, we continue to see an attack on women's Reproductive Rights all over the country.

**5** The Senate convened yesterday at 3 pm for an Executive Session that resumed the consideration of Executive Calendar #177, the nomination of Darrel James Pappillon, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. On May 30, 2023, his nomination was confirmed by a 59-31 vote. He is awaiting his judicial commission. Pappillon graduated from LSU, then received his law degree from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Pappillon began work in August 1994 as a law clerk for Louisiana Supreme Court



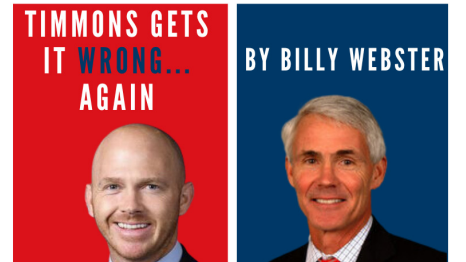
## SPARTANBURG REP. HENDERSON-MYERS HONORED AT WHITE HOUSE

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## TIMMONS GETS IT WRONG...AGAIN

Read More at <https://greenvilledemocrats.com/timmons-gets-it-wrong-again/>



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE CONTINUED



## THE FIGHT'S NOT OVER BUT WHAT NOW?

Join the Greenville Democratic Women's monthly meeting on June 12, 2023 at 12pm at the Kroc Center in Greenville to hear from a panel of advocates/activists/professionals who have been on the front lines of women's rights, women's health, reproductive justice, and gender equity lined up to discuss next steps in South Carolina. How do we manage with what we have while working to change it for the future?



### Our in-person panelists:

**Dr. Dawn Bingham**, will address the impact of the legislation on the medical community, the impact on all women's health, and the collision of the legal risks and the oath to "do no harm." Dr. Bingham is a board certified OB/GYN who is a fellow and active member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and serves on legislative delegations that have met with members of Congress. She's also an assistant professor at the USC School of Medicine where – among other things – she developed an advocacy curriculum focused on contraception for the OB/GYN Department.

**Vicki Ringer** will focus on legislative possibilities. Vicki is the director for public affairs and chief lobbyist for Planned Parenthood South Atlantic. She is responsible for public policy and legislative affairs, working to preserve reproductive health rights in the state. A graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in journalism, Vicki's pre-Planned Parenthood career included serving as press secretary for several state agencies and owning her own PR firm. Vicki lives in Lexington with her husband Charlie and "spoiled" rescue pups Jack and Lucy. She is a proud new grandmother of the world's "most amazing boy."

**Marsha Wallace** will talk about how philanthropy, coupled with community, can make a difference. The co-founder of Dining for Women (now Together Women Rise), Marsha is launching a national giving circle to raise money to address the very real needs for impacted women on two fronts: practical and political. Her new project – the We The Women Project – will focus bringing a community of concerned women together to share their stories, to increase awareness, to provide support to each other, and to exponentially increase the power of small donations by aggregating them through a central giving circle platform.

Each presenter will give a 5-7 minute presentation, followed by an open discussion fueled by your questions. We want to get questions in advance for this program so we are asking you to submit questions to us now. Please include your full name and email address, in case we need to reach out to you for any additional information or clarity. While "getting woke" about how each of these segments are focusing on the issue, we'll also get action steps. We are not done. This is not over.

## ACLU LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH JOSH MALKIN

"Legislative Look Back...Oh Wait : Monday, June 12th at 6:00 PM  
While we are still in a seemingly endless legislative session, some of my colleagues and I will be at the Greenville Main Library to discuss:  
1) ACLU priority legislation that did and did not move during the normal session months  
2) Legislative lessons learned and  
3) Engaging with what lies ahead."

Register at <https://action.aclu.org/webform/sc-lookback>

## FREEDOM TO READ IN SPARTANBURG

A local chapter of Freedom to Read has organized in Spartanburg! Please contact Theresa Holliday [tessieholliday@icloud.com](mailto:tessieholliday@icloud.com) if you are interested in joining or speaking.

## NEXT SCPL'S BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 15TH AT 5PM

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH

The SPCDP meets every first Monday of the month except for holidays from 6-7:30pm at the TK Gregg Community Center. Zoom options are available by contacting [spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com)

## CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

Scheduled for every Thursday from 12-1pm, you can register for a 20 minute zoom session for our chair, Kathryn Harvey. Sign up at the link below!

<https://calendly.com/kathrynharvey/chairchats>