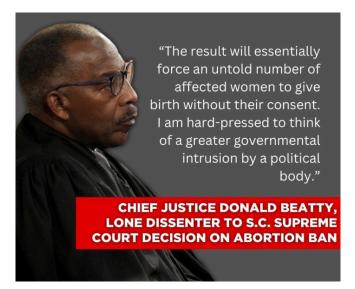
# September 2023

Please join us in the fight for democracy



# Our Statement on the Supreme Court's Extreme Six-Week Abortion Ban



SC's abortion ban stands at 6 weeks after state Supreme Court refuses to reconsider

The state Supreme Court <u>will not reconsider its ruling</u> on South Carolina's abortion ban, keeping the practice illegal roughly six weeks into a pregnancy.

It was another 4-1 decision, with Chief Justice Don Beatty disagreeing with the refusal. He also outright encouraged the providers to quickly file a new lawsuit on the question of when a fetal heartbeat can truly be detected.

Abortion providers had asked the South Carolina Supreme Court to reconsider <u>its ruling that upheld a ban</u> on most abortions after a "fetal heartbeat" can be detected, arguing the court <u>failed to clearly define</u> when that is.

But a new legal challenge could be coming from Planned Parenthood and the Greenville Women's Clinic.

Read more from The Post and Courier's Seanna Adcox about the latest decision

Spartanburg, SC -- In wake of the disastrous decision by the nation's only all-male State Supreme Court to uphold the South Carolina legislature's restrictive six-week abortion ban that was previously deemed unconstitutional by the court just eight months ago, the Spartanburg County Democratic Party and the Young Democrats of Spartanburg County issued the following statement:

"The latest SC Supreme Court decision marked a troubling day for democracy here in South Carolina, and what we must be asking ourselves right now is what will they roll back next? Spartanburg native Chief Justice Beatty, the sole dissenting voice, said it best that the decision attempted to 'manipulate public opinion and control the reproductive health decisions of women by distorting reality,' said Spartanburg County Democratic Party Chair Kathryn Harvey.

"Our fundamental freedoms are again being imperiled by our extreme Republican legislators and now justices. This ban that was largely sponsored by the republican men of the Spartanburg County Delegation, makes abortion illegal before many women even know they're pregnant, requires victims of rape or incest to provide documentation of the crime committed against them just to get access to care they need, bans abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest after 12 weeks, and threatens doctors and nurses with jail time and/or fines for performing vital health care. We intend to hold our local legislators accountable, and we will not stop until the right to reproductive freedom is returned to South Carolinians," said Harvey.

"This is an attack on Black women, low-income families, and our rural areas who will be disproportionately impacted in more than adozen counties without an OB/GYN in our state. The enforcement of this ban will put individuals seeking reproductive care at risk, and it will threaten professionals who support reproductive healthcare services. This regressive ban will now create a less safe South Carolina for all." said Young Democrats of Spartanburg County Vice Chair China Whitmire.

# TAKE ACTION!

We need your support advocating for S.29! This bill would repeal existing restrictions on abortion care and affirm the rights to contraception, in vitro fertilization, sex education, and all other forms of reproductive health care.



# A moment to acknowledge the senseless and racially motivated shooting in Florida and the shooting at UNC last month.



Authorities have identified the victims as 52-year-old Angela Michelle Carr; 19-year-old Anolt Joseph "A.J." Laguerre Jr.' and 29-year-old Jerrald De'Shaun Gallion.

Dollar Gneral has confirmed that Laguerre was an employee at the store.

# Governor DeSantis has blood on his hands

- -Banned Black History
- -Banned race-based conversations and analysis in schools and businesses.
- -Banned state and federal funding for DEI at state colleges and universities.
- -Banned books by Black authors -Suspended Monique Worrell, Florida's only Black female state attorney, after she won 67% of the vote to obtain the position. -Introduced curriculum insisting enslaved Black people benefited from slavery.

# The UNC student run newspaper gave us a harrowing glimpse into the on campus shooting, and it may be one of the more prolific illustrations of the trauma experienced that we've encountered.

It's never been more important to stand up to gun violence. Join our local Moms Demand Action Chapter on **September 25 at 6:30pm.** 

#### The Daily Tar Heel

ARE YOU SAFE? WHERE ARE YOU? ARE YOU ALONE? GUYS I'M SO FUCKING SCARED. HEY- COME ON SWEETHEART- I NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ANY GUNSHOTS? PLEASE STAY SAFE. BARRICADE THE DOOR OR IF YOU THINK YOU CAN RUN AND GET TO A PLACE THAT CAN LOCK DO SO. MY TEACHER IS ACTING LIKE NOTHING IS HAPPENING AND I'M LOWKEY FREAKING OUT. I WISH THESE NEVER HAPPENED. STAY CALM AND SAFE-WE LOVE YOU. I AM SO SORRY THIS IS HAPPENING. I LOVE YOU. WHAT THE FUCK IS HAPPENING? MULTIPLE VOICES AND LOUD BANGING. I'M IN CLASS EVERYONE IS LOSING IT PEOPLE ARE LITERALLY SHAKING. STILL GOING ON AND COMING CLOSER, HOPING IT'S COPS. I'M GONNA FUCKING THROW UP. KINDA WISH I HAD SOMEONE ELSE HERE THOUGH, PLEASE PRAY FOR US, PLEASE STAY WHERE YOU ARE AND KEEP YOUR DOORS LOCKED OR FORTIFIED. LOVE YOU SO SO MUCH. ARE YOU HOME? SOMEONE IS ALREADY SHOT. IT'S ALSO SCARY HOW UNPREPARED OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF WERE FOR THAT. I'M LISTENING ON THE SCANNER. I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING YET. IT WILL BE OK MY LOVE JUST STAY PUT. THERE'S SOMEONE ARMED ON CAMPUS. YOU HAVE A WHOLE COMMUNITY IN THE SAME BOAT WITH YOU. ARE U HIDDEN? LONGEST HALF HOUR OF MY LIFE. I'M SO SCARED TO LEAVE, STAY DOWN. DO YOU HEAR SHOOTING? PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU ARE SAFE, HEY ARE YOU DOING ALRIGHT, LIKE MENTALLY, THIS SHITS SCARY, I LOVE YOU, IM SAFE STILL, MY TEXTS WON'T GO THRU. I AM SAFE, ACTIVE SHOOTER ON CAMPUS, I'M IN DEV RN RUT I CAN SEE PEOPLE RUNNING AND HEAR SCREAMING, GET UNDER THE DESK!!!!! OR RUN IF YOU CAN! PUT STUFF IN FRONT OF THE DOOR! PLEASE RE CAREFULL I'M SCARED, I'M SO SCARED RN, OMG, I'M SO SCARED HOLY FUCK SOMEONE'S IN MY BUILDING, SAFE? YES YOU? YES, CHECKING IN JUST HOPE Y'ALL ARE SAFE WHEREVER Y'ALL AT. APPARENTLY SOMEONE WAS SHOT IN CAUDILL. POLICE SCANNER SAYS 1 PERSON DOWN NO PULSE. PLEASE STAY THERE WHERE YOU'RE SAFE, ARE YOU SAFE RIGHT NOW? ARE YOU SAFE? PLEASE SEND LITERALLY ANYTHING. I HEARD SOMEONE GOT SHOT. CAN YOU CALL ME? ARE YOU OKAY?? IDK WHAT TO DO. I WISH I COULD JUST COME GET YOU. DON'T STOP TEXTING ME.



#### **WHEN** September 25, 6:30pm

# Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church 502 Daniel Morgan Ave, Spartanburg, SC

### **Community News**









The Southside Cultural Monument construction is underway at the Mary H. Wright Greenway Trailhead! This monument will be an artistic display and celebration of the culture, vibrancy, and dynamism of local Black citizens and communities before urban renewal, serving as a tribute to the economic and cultural engines of the Black experience in our city.

Thank you to Representative Rosalyn Henderson Myers and Brenda Lee Pryce for their efforts in getting this monument funded!

Find out more about the Southside Cultural Monument at

#### History Made at Clemson University!!!



Pictured L-R: County Councilman Monier Abusaft, Dr. Larry T. Crudup (Senior Pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church), Mrs. Koren McCollum, Ashley Nicole McCollum (Recipient of Award) and Deacon Benjamin McCollum.

On August 20, 2023 at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, County Councilman Monier Abusaft proclaimed August 23, 2023 as Ashley Nicole McCollum Day in Spartanburg County. Ashley is the first Black Female to become President of the Clemson University student body. Congratulations!!!

(Councilwoman Ruth Littlejohn August Newsletter)

#### ReGenesis Institute Receives Bezos Fund

**Spartanburg's ReGenesis** wins \$2.8 Million Bezos Earth Fund grant. ReGenesis is a grassroots organization founded to help clean up and revitalize local distressed communities in cities across the U.S.



ReGenesis
Institute, is a
nonprofit founded
25 years ago by
former State
Representative
Harold Mitchell
of Spartanburg's
Arkwright
community. The
grant, which was
one of 30
totaling \$50 million

awarded by the Los Angeles-based Bezos Earth Fund's Greening America's Cities initiative.

The Bezos Earth Fund was created by a commitment of \$10 billion from businessman and philanthropist Jeff Bezos in 2020 to be disbursed as grants to address climate and nature through 2030. Former Representative Mitchell said the grant will support work with partners to enhance low-income communities with more community gardens, parks and trees in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Chicago, Albuquerque, New Mexico and Wilmington, Delaware. Mitchell is pictured above with his daughters Elizabeth and Hannah.



#### The next election is November 7, 2023

Due to redistricting, precinct reorganization, and voter purging you must check your voter status by September 19

#### **DEADLINES + IMPORTANT DATES**

- SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
  NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
- OCTOBER 6, 2023

  Deadline for voters to register in person

  Deadline for voters to register online

  Deadline for voters to register by mail

  (postmarked by 10-6-23)
- OCTOBER 23 NOVEMBER 3, 2023
  In-person early voting
  Early Voting Hours: 8:30 AM 5:00 PM
  (Closed Saturday and Sunday)
  Spartanburg County Voter Registration Office
- NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION DAY





# **Voting Precinct Changes**

Please check your voter registration details! Over 35 precincts have changed name, location or are brand new. Voters who have changes will receive a new voter card at their last known address!



Current Precinct Name:	New Precinct Name:	Location: New Location	Address: New Location
Cowpens Fire Station	Cowpens	Timken Community Center	180 Foster St, Cowpens, SC 29330
Woodruff Fire Station	Enoree River	Bellview Baptist Church	901 Bellview Rd, Woodruff, SC 29388
Drayton Fire Station	Drayton	Drayton Mills Elementary School	1500 Skylyn Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29307
Cedar Grove Baptist	Wade Hampton	Victor Mill Methodist Church	1 Wilson Ave, Greer, SC 29651
Fairforest Middle School	Blackstock	Master Skills Center	4120 N Blackstock Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29301
Glendale Fire Station	Clifton Glendale	School Dist 3 Ad min Building	3535 Clifton Glendale Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29307
Hayne Baptist	Hayne	Summit Church	622 Alamo St, Spartanburg, SC 29303
Lyman Town Hall	Lyman	Pac ific Place	59 Groce Rd, Lyman, SC 29365
Southside Baptist	Beacon	Mount Moriah Baptist Church	445 S Church St, Spartanburg, SC 29306
Beaumont Methodist	Converse	Drayton Mills Elementary School	1500 Skylyn Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29307
Cleveland Elementary	Fairgrounds	T K Gregg Community Center	650 Howard St, Spartanburg, SC 29303
Ebenezer Baptist	Old Bridge	T K Gregg Community Center	650 Howard St, Spartanburg, SC 29303
Bethany Baptist	Hearon Circle	Summit Church	622 Alamo St, Spartanburg, SC 29303
Mt Zion Full Gospel Baptist	Airport	Silverhill United Methodist Church	778 John B White Sr Blvd, Spartanburg, SC 2930 6
White Stone Methodist	Southport	Croft Baptist Church	4190 ECroft Cir, Spartanburg, SC 29302
Boiling Springs Intermediate	Hanging Rock	Sugar Ridge Elementary School	2055 Hanging Rock Rd, Boiling Springs, SC 29316
Cowpens Depot Museum	Palmetto	Timken Community Center	180 Foster St, Cowpens, SC 29330
Chapman Elementary	Peach Blossom	Whitney Fire Station	220 Bryant Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29303
Powell Saxon Una		Arcadia Elementary School	375 Spring St, Spartanburg, SC 29301
Wood ruff Elementary	Two Mile Creek	Dist 4 Activity Center	200 Lucy P Edwards Rd, Woodruff, SC 29388

#### **New Precincts & Polling Locations**

Shoally	Shoally Creek Elementary	3777 Parris Bridge Rd, Boiling Springs, SC 29316
Rainbow	Rainbow Lake Middle School	1951 River Oak Rd, Chesnee, SC 29323
Spartangreen	Florence Chapel Middle School	290 Shoals Rd, Duncan, SC 29334
Holly Springs-Motlow	Holly Springs-Motlow Elementary	325 Motlow School Rd, Campobello, SC 29322
Landrum	Landrum Middle School	104 Redland Rd, Landrum, SC 29356
New Prospect	New Prospect Elementary	9251 Hwy 9, Inman, SC 29349
Willow Creek	Reidville Fire-Willow Creek Station	3380 Hwy 417, Woodruff, SC 29388
Tyger River	Tyger River Park Clubhouse	285 Gano Rd, Reidville, SC 29375
Inman	Inman Intermediate School	10 W Miller St, Inman, SC 29349
La ke Cooley	Lake Cooley Outdoor Ed Center	100 Cooley Dock Rd, Inman, SC 29349
Middle Tyger	Middle Tyger YMCA	720 Shoals Rd, Duncan, SC 29334
Valley Falls	Northbrook Baptist Church	1881 Boiling Springs Rd, Boiling Springs, SC 29316
Moore-Duncan	Grace Bible Church	107 West Rd, Moore, SC 29369
Chestnut Lake	1st Baptist North Spartanburg	87 40 Asheville Hwy, Spartanburg, SC 29316

Que stions? Contact the Director of Spartanburg County Voter Reg istration & Elections John L. Baucom 366 N Church Street Spartanburg, SC 29303 Office: (864) 562-4042

#### **Dem Party Engagements**

**September 12th at 5:30pm** the Young Democrats of Spartanburg Co. will be running a table with Wofford College Dems at Wofford's Student Involvement Fair registering students to vote ahead of the November 7th General Election.





# Our lunch and learn series is back!

Join us every third Wednesday from 12-1pm at the new McClellan's at Monarch Café! Our first guest speaker will be Michelle Shain for Mayor.

**September 23rd** the Young Democrats of Spartanburg County in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, is partnering with the South Carolina Democratic Party Council of Hispanic Democrats and the Young Democrats of Greenville County for a Latino outreach event. We'll be having a canvass kickoff at a Latino business in Greenville where there'll be a voter registration drive ahead of us knocking on doors in support of Michelle Shain's herstoric run for mayor. Be on the lookout for more details.



T. K. GREGG COMMUNITY CENTER 650 Howard St, Spartanburg, SC 29303

June 5 August 7 September 5 October 2 November 6 December 4





#### Supporting Priority Six Coordinated Campaign

We need to give Spartanburg voters a choice in 2024.













#### Donate Today



It has been made abundantly clear that the majority of our legislative body is not representing the majority of the needs of their constituents. We announced our priority six coordinated campaign for the Upstate during our August meeting and have already got a running start.

Our campaign manager Phil Ford presented on this new innovative effort to create and support a candidate pipeline in Spartanburg and Greenville at our last meeting.

We have deemed six priority districts to focus our efforts on candidates to run against Republican incumbents in 2024. Every race moves the needle in Spartanburg creating significant progress for our Democratic Party, and there has never been a more important time to elect candidates who will fight for the rights of our community members.

Help us make real progress by contributing to this campaign to start winning right here in Spartanburg.

#### Proud to be a Spartanburg Dem T-shirts for \$25!

Support the Spartanburg Dems with a t-shirt that screams it loud and proud! Our 'Proud to be a Spartanburg Dem' shirts are \$25. Your contribution helps us build toward 2024 and beyond. Shirts can be picked up at the office or we can deliver them. Email spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com or call (864) 585-6957.







## **Volunteer Opportunities!**

We need volunteers!



10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-6 pm September 30

VPB Training at 6PM via Zoom) September 12, 13, 14, 19, 26

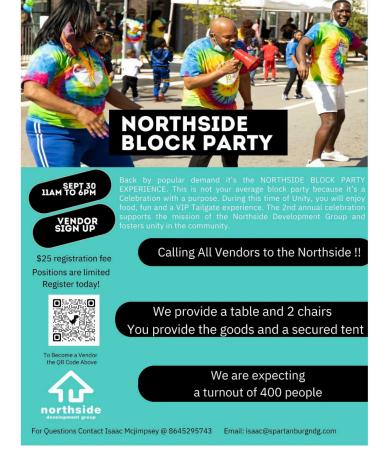
VPB - HQ(Volunteers) 11AM-3PM September 12,13,14,19,20,21,26,27,28; **October** 3,4,5,10,11,12,17,18,19,24,25,26,28,31; November 1,2,

6-8PM (4/In Person) September 9/20,21,27,28; October 11,12,17,18,24,26,31 November 2,4

POLL WATCHER Training at 6PM via Zoom

October 10, 16, 25; November 1 Pick up on November 2,3,4 Return on November 8, 9

HO ELECTION DAY Volunteer Training at 6PM/In Person October 17, 26 November 1, 2, 4





#### Michelle for Greenville - Volunteer Form

As the election for mayor of Greenville approaches on November 7th, Team Michelle is looking for support from volunteers like you!

Every action our volunteers take, from knocking on doors, making calls, and hosting events,

If you have friends who want to join Team Michelle as a volunteer, please share the sign-up form with them: https://www.michelleforgreenville.com/volunteer/

Reach out to Michelle's campaign manager, Lindsey Green, at Lindsey@michelleforgreenville.com if you have ideas, questions, or would like to contribute in a way not listed below. Thank you for signing up - your support makes it all possible.

#### Donate to the SPCDP



#### **FOUNDING MEMBERS**

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