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June Newsletter

Dear friends,

There has rarely been a more critical moment to stay engaged in local government. Together, we have the power to shape our government, and it is our duty to see that every Spartanburg representative leads with integrity and transparency.

With your partnership, the SPCDP has made remarkable strides over the past three years. We've mobilized hundreds of volunteers, supported strong statehouse and congressional candidates, and raised more than ever before to build lasting infrastructure, expand outreach, and hold every elected official accountable to the people they serve. Together we have put Spartanburg's Democrats squarely on the map.

Now we need even more dedicated neighbors to step forward. School board and town council seats are on the ballot this year, and just last week two competitive Spartanburg County races opened for November. Each contest is a chance to expand fair representation and demand responsive leadership.

Across the country we see norms tested and trust in institutions strained. The surest remedy is active, informed citizenship right here at home. We are the change agents we've been waiting for.



That's why we've set an ambitious goal: raise \$15,000 by July 31 to power our 2025 Get-Out-the-Vote efforts. Each donation brings us closer to a Spartanburg where every voice is counted on Election Day.

Thank you for standing with us and for everything you do to fortify our democracy.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathryn".

Kathryn Harvey
Chair, Spartanburg County Democratic Party

P.S. Check out my podcast. The Upstate Tea, every Wednesday on *Frogmore Stew*, South Carolina's Pop Politics Podcast.



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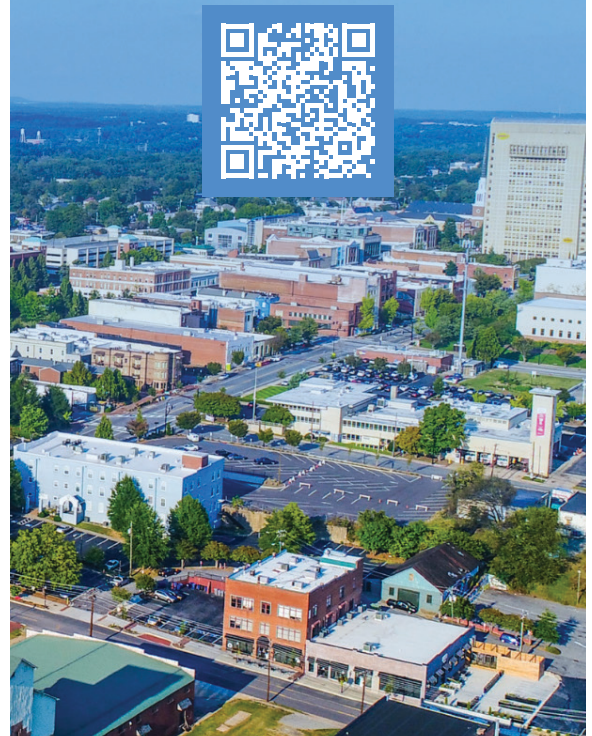
SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



Power Progress All Year

JOIN THE LIBERTY FUND

Your monthly gift of \$25, \$50, or any amount keeps our office running, communications flowing, and volunteers equipped for action. By covering day-to-day costs, you free us to concentrate on voter outreach, community engagement, and candidate support that moves Spartanburg forward. Become a Liberty Fund donor today and be the steady force behind lasting change.





2025 Races

Local races have a profound impact on our communities, from shaping school policies to deciding how our towns and cities grow. Many of these nonpartisan seats, particularly school boards, have become targets for conservative extremists in recent years (e.g. Moms for Liberty). Encouraging candidates who share our Democratic values ensures that every level of government works to build a better Spartanburg County, protect public education, and support an equitable and inclusive future for all residents.

- **All School Districts**
School Board
- **Town of Campobello**
Mayor and Town Council
- **Town of Central Pacolet**
Mayor and Town Council
- **City of Chesnee**
Mayor and City Council
- **Town of Cowpens**
Town Council
- **Town of Duncan**
Mayor and Town Council
- **City of Greer**
City Council and CPW
- **City of Inman**
City Council
- **City of Landrum**
Mayor and City Council
- **Town of Lyman**
Mayor and Town Council
- **Town of Pacolet**
Mayor and City Council
- **Town of Reidville**
Mayor and Town Council
- **City of Spartanburg**
Mayor, City Council, CPW
- **City of Wellford**
City Council
- **City of Woodruff**
City Council
- **Gowensville Fire District**
Commissioner
- **Spartanburg County Council**
District 3
- **Spartanburg County Sheriff**

Whether you're passionate about education, public safety, infrastructure, or community development, running for local office is one of the most impactful ways to create change. Need help getting started? Reach out to us at spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com — we're here to support you.

Filing for School Board candidates is now open through 12:00 noon on June 15. Municipal filing will run from 12:00 noon on August 1 until 12:00 noon on August 15.

For the two partisan race (County Council district 3 and the Sheriff's race), filing will run from June 13-21. The primary will be held August 5, with a tentative runoff scheduled for August 19. Sheriff candidates that have announced interest are Nick Duncan, Randy Hollifield, Andy Clark, and Joseph Hawes.

To see what races will be on your ballot this year, **visit [SCVotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov)** or scan the QR code to the right..



Candidate Announcements

Excitement is already building for major South Carolina races in 2026. Several Democratic candidates have officially announced their campaigns, gearing up for key statewide contests. In the U.S. Senate race challenging incumbent Senator Lindsey Graham, candidates Lee Johnson, Dr. Annie Andrews, Kyle Freeman, and Catherine Fleming Bruce have stepped forward, bringing diverse experience and fresh perspectives to the campaign trail.

Meanwhile, in the race for Governor, with Governor Henry McMaster stepping down due to term limits, Dr. Jermaine Johnson is the first prominent Democrat to officially announce his candidacy. Dr. Johnson, known for his active leadership and advocacy in the South Carolina House, promises a campaign focused on equity, innovation, and responsive government. Stay tuned as these races continue to develop, shaping the future of our state and our country.

Contact Your Representatives

Holding our elected officials accountable is essential to protecting our communities and values. Contact your representatives often to demand they stand up against harmful state and federal actions.

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U.S. Congress

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State Legislature

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Celebrating Young Changemakers: Fighting for Freedom Fundraiser Recap

The Spartanburg County Democratic Party's Fighting for Freedom fundraiser on Thursday, May 29th, was an outstanding success, gathering over 100 community members to celebrate local young adults making remarkable contributions to Spartanburg County. We were honored to host Representative Justin J. Pearson of Tennessee as our keynote speaker, whose powerful address resonated deeply with attendees. Special thanks to our emcee, Miss South Carolina 2023, Jada M. Samuel, whose presence and leadership made the evening truly memorable.

Congratulations again to our SPARK Award recipients: Garrett Gibson and Tamidra Wilkins (Jacob J. Durham and Mary Wright Educator Award), Livingston "Liv" Hawkins (Kevin A. Gray Community Advocate Award), Aundreana "Aundi" Hunter (Liz Patterson Civil Service Award), Em Miller (Kitty Black Perkins Creative Changemaker Award), Midas Hampton (Alexander Smalls Entrepreneur Award), Michael Moody ("Deebo" Samuel Champion Award), and Kristy Abd-El-Malak (Donald Beatty Justice Award).

A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and Caleb Mickler, SPCDP 3rd Vice Chair and Chair of the Spartanburg County Young Democrats, for organizing a wonderful evening. Finally, we extend our gratitude to all who purchased tickets and supported this impactful event. Your involvement fuels our mission and helps move Spartanburg forward.





Town Halls

TRINITY METHODIST

Tuesday, June 10
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

BEACON

Thursday, June 19
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

JESSE BOBO

Monday, June 23
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Let's Talk: Tiny Town Halls Coming to Your Area

Last month we kicked off a series of Tiny Town Halls hosted by the Spartanburg County Democratic Party. These informal gatherings are designed to connect directly with voters in each precinct, hear your concerns, and share our vision for moving Spartanburg forward. Join us Tuesday, June 10 for the Trinity Methodist Precinct, Thursday, June 19 for the Beacon Precinct, or Monday, June 23 for the Jesse Bobo Precinct. Whether you're new to local politics or a longtime advocate, we want to hear from you. Let's build a stronger, more connected community—one precinct at a time.

HOST
YOUR OWN



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TO ATTEND



Take Action: Step Up to Lead Your Precinct

Precinct development is the backbone of any effective grassroots "Get Out the Vote" (GOTV) strategy. By organizing and engaging voters at the neighborhood level, precinct leaders serve as vital links between the local party, candidates, and the community. They help recruit volunteers, share critical election information, register new voters, and conduct voter outreach that brings political issues directly to people's doorsteps. Through this direct engagement, precinct leaders build trusted, lasting relationships that empower voters and volunteers, and strengthen the overall impact of the Spartanburg County Democratic Party's GOTV efforts. If you're interested in serving as a Precinct Captain, scan the QR Code to the right to complete the application.



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SPARTANBURG CELEBRATES

JUNETEENTH

SATURDAY | JUNE 14
SOUTHSIDE CULTURAL MONUMENT
UNVEILING
CORNER OF HUDSON BARKSDALE BLVD &
CONVERSE ST
10 AM

MONDAY | JUNE 16
FOCUS ON FREEDOM: CECIL WILLIAMS'
CIVIL RIGHTS PHOTOGRAPHY & MUSEUM
WOFFORD COLLEGE
5:30 PM

THURSDAY | JUNE 19
FREEDOM & RHYTHM: **JUNETEENTH**
@ MUSIC ON MAIN
FEATURING THE NIGHT AFFAIR BAND
FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS
MORGAN SQUARE
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

FRIDAY | JUNE 20
BLOCK PARTY
FEATURING A FIREWORKS SHOW
DOWNTOWN SPARTANBURG
6 PM - 10 PM

SATURDAY | JUNE 21
JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL
BARNET PARK
4 PM - 10 PM

Our History

The Spartanburg Juneteenth, Inc. Presents

THE ANNUAL JUNETEENTH EXPERIENCE

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 31 Freedom Film Festival & Taste Of BlackSpartanburg	JUNE 07 Juneteenth Parade	JUNE 17 Black Market Tuesday
JUNE 18 Race Seminar	JUNE 20 Juneteenth BEC Freedom Gala	JUNE 22 Jubilee Worship Service

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VALOR OVER VANITY

HONOR THE BRAVE

DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION

Saturday JUNE 14

VETERANS RALLY

Unity Park 355 S. Hudson st. 10am -11:30am
Greenville SC

NO KINGS

501 SC LIBERTY

GREENVILLE PROGRESSIVE COALITION

INDIVISIBLE UPSTATE SC

Hosted by the Upstate SC Democratic Socialists of America

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RALLY FOR THE WORKERS

June 14 4pm-6pm

Morgan Square

Build worker power

Organize the South

Southern Worker Action Summit

June 13 - 15 | Spartanburg, SC



The U.S. and global economy does not move without the labor of Southern workers. We have tremendous power, not only to fight for control in our workplaces, but to lead movements for broader social change, as Southern workers have time and again throughout history.

Now, we face an unprecedented period. We are experiencing a declining quality of life as the price of basic necessities soar, even as the corporations we work for earn record profits, working longer hours, taking on extra jobs, but still not having much to show for it. The Trump administration and the reactionary clique of billionaires they represent and have put in charge are unleashing attacks on migrants and many other sections of the working class, attempting to take a hammer to every measure of social progress won through struggle over the last century.

How do we harness our power into a driving force to fight back against the billionaire class's agenda, build working class organization, and take on the urgent challenge to organize the South and advance a progressive vision for society?

The 2025 Southern Worker Action Summit will bring together rank and file workers from sectors and workplaces across the South to address these questions. We'll discuss, debate, exchange, train, and strategize about how to build a militant, independent, fighting workers movement in the U.S. South.

This gathering aims to advance a higher level of unity and consciousness that leads to coordinated collective action and expanded efforts to build committees at unorganized workplaces, workers assemblies, and other forms of organization to build power across industries in the South.

Program Overview

Start: Friday, June 13 at 12pm

End: Sunday, June 15 at 1pm

- Strategy exchanges, network building, + discussions
 - Sector-based breakouts
- Workshops on organizing skills, political education, strategy and tactics, and more!
- Plenary discussions on building a fighting workers movement, combatting the attacks from Trump, building for 2028, and more
- Building solidarity and unity across sectors and social movements



REGISTER NOW



Initiated by: Southern Workers Assembly

Co-Conveners: Asheville Food and Beverage Workers United | Black Workers for Justice | Carolina Amazonians United for Solidarity & Empowerment | Charleston Alliance for Fair Employment/Charleston Workers Center | Chester Worker Empowerment Center | El Futuro Es Nuestro/It's Our Future | International Longshoremen's Association Local 1422 | National Domestic Workers Alliance/We Dream in Black | Truckers Movement for Justice/TAMEXUN | UE Local 150, NC Public Service Workers Union | Union of Southern Service Workers | Venceremos | Virginia Caucus of Rank and File Educators

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Calendar of Events



SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Monthly Meeting

Monday, June 2 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center
650 Howard St, Spartanburg, SC 29303

Join fellow Democrats this Monday, June 2 from 6:00–7:30 PM at the Dr. T. K. Gregg Community Center for our next monthly meeting. All supporters are welcome. Bring your ideas and energy as we work together to build a better Spartanburg County.



Future Monthly Meeting dates are July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 10, and December 1.

Resis with Us

Moral Tuesdays every Tuesday afternoon from 5:00 to 6:00pm on the corner of St. John and Church St. with United Stakeholders for Democracy



- June 7 1-8pm Rhythm and Ribs Festival Barnet Park – Volunteers Needed
- June 9 Greenville Dem Women Monthly Meeting with Rep. Raskin.
- June 10 Trinity Methodist Precinct Town Hall in Converse Heights
- June 11 Spartanburg Dem Dames Mahjong
- June 13th-15th Southern Workers Action Summit.
- June 14 Veterans' Town Hall and Rally hosted by IUSC in Greenville (see graphic)
- June 14 No Kings Protest with Upstate SC Democratic Socialists of America 4-6pm Morgan Square
- June 14 Juneteenth Miles with the Mayor + Monument Unveiling
- June 17 Black Market Tuesday in Spartanburg.
- June 19 Beacon Precinct Town Hall at the Bethlehem Center
- June 17 Black Market Tuesday in Spartanburg.
- June 20 BEC Freedom Gala.
- June 20 Juneteenth Block Party in Downtown Spartanburg.
- June 21 Juneteenth Festival at Barnet Park.
- June 21 Emerge SC Meet & Greet in Greenville
- June 22 Jubilee Juneteenth Worship Service at Macedonia
- June 23 Jesse Bobo Precinct Town Hall Location TBD
- June 25: Upstate Democratic Socialists of America meeting at the Greer library.
- June 28 Greenville Black Pride Festival. Volunteers Needed



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