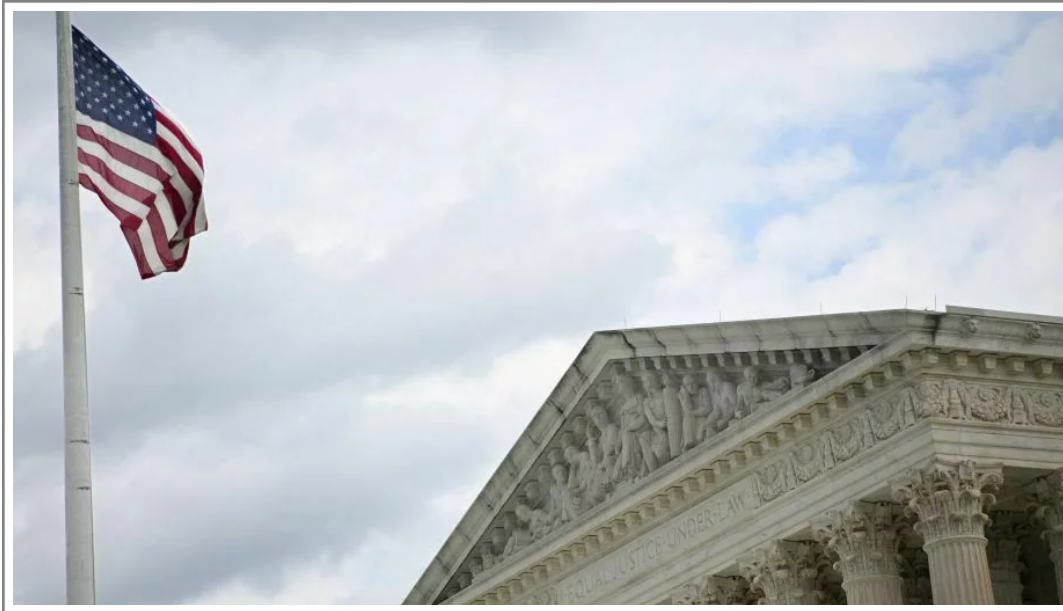


NEWSPAPER

Get Prepared for Voting in 2023 and 2024



The U.S. Supreme Court considers a redistricting case from South Carolina.

SUPREME COURT SKEPTICAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA RACIAL GERRYMANDERING CLAIM

Civil rights groups sued when Republican Rep. Nancy Mace’s district was redrawn in a way that removed thousands of Black voters.

Nbcnews.com, Oct. 11, 2023 by Lawrence Hurley.

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's conservative majority appeared skeptical Wednesday that Republicans in South Carolina unlawfully considered race when they drew a congressional district in a way that removed thousands of Black voters. Conservative justices, who hold a 6-3 majority, questioned whether civil rights groups that challenged the district had sufficient evidence to show that legislators were focused predominantly on race when they drew the map. The state says its sole goal was to increase the Republican tilt in the district.

With Black voters tending to vote for Democrats, the case raises the question of whether Republicans were targeting them primarily for racial or partisan reasons. The case has the justices grappling with the impact of their own ruling from 2019 that effectively gave the green light to so-called partisan gerrymandering when it said federal courts have no role in assessing such claims.

Republicans led by South Carolina Senate President Thomas Alexander are contesting a January ruling that said race was of predominant concern when one of the seven districts was drawn.

The district, which includes the city and county of Charleston, is represented by Rep. Nancy Mace, a Republican.

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VOTE

ON NOVEMBER 7

**LOCAL SCHOOLS
NEED OUR HELP**

*Dr. Frank Rodriguez,
Superintendent of Beaufort
County School District, needs
your support for local schools
to function fully equipped.*



**Early voting schedule
is closing fast for
November 7 elections.**

Early voting took place from October 23 - Nov. 3 (Monday - Friday) starting at 8:30 a.m. to 5 pm., and was closed on weekends. **(Note how inconvenient those hours are for persons whose work hours overlap.)**

If you won't be voting during early voting, **be sure to vote on November 7.**

Voter I.D. is required.

THE SUPREME COURT HAS NOT YET RULED ON SOUTH CAROLINA'S VOTING MAP

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After the 2020 census, Republicans redrew the boundaries to strengthen GOP control of what had become a competitive district.

Conservative Chief Justice John Roberts said the plaintiffs' case rested solely on "circumstantial evidence" and was, in that sense, different from other racial gerrymandering cases the court has decided.

"This would be breaking new ground in our voting rights

jurisprudence," he said of a decision against the state.

Fellow conservative Justice Amy Coney Barrett likewise said the plaintiffs have an "exceedingly heavy burden" to show that the state acted inappropriately, with the court generally adopting the presumption that legislatures act in good faith.

Conservative Justice Neil Gorsuch was among those who probed the difficulty of disentangling race from partisanship.

"Here there's no evidence the Legislature could have achieved its partisan tilt, which everyone says is permissible in any other way," he said.

Of all the conservatives, Justice Samuel Alito was most persistent in questioning the plaintiffs' (KEEP READING: <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/supreme-court/supreme-court-weighs-south-carolina-racial-gerrymandering-dispute-rcna118994>)



Prospective voters consider SC congressional districts.



RIGHT-WINGERS VS. VOTING RIGHTS

The clashes in state capitals have faded, but the Republican push for stricter state election laws is organized and they're planning for the long term.



A network of billionaire-backed advocacy groups has formed a new hub of election advocacy within the Republican Party.

The New York Times, by Nick Corasaniti and Alexandra Berzon, May 8, 2023.

The first recent wave of legislation tightening voting laws came in 2021, when Donald J. Trump's false claims of voter fraud spurred Republican lawmakers to act over loud objections from Democrats. Two years later, a second wave is steadily moving ahead, but largely under the radar.

Propelled by a new coalition of

Trump allies, Republican-led legislatures have continued to pass significant restrictions on access to the ballot, including new limits to voting by mail in Ohio, a ban on ballot drop boxes in Arkansas and the shortening of early voting windows in Wyoming

Behind the efforts is a network of billionaire-backed advocacy groups that has formed a new hub of election advocacy within the Republican Party, rallying state activists, drafting model legislation and setting priorities.

The groups have largely dropped the push for expansive laws, shifting instead to a strategy one leader describes as "radical incrementalism" — a step-by-step approach intended to be more politically palatable than the broad legislation that provoked widespread protest in 2021. . .

KEEP READING; <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/05/08/us/politics/voting-laws-restrictions-republicans.html>

Bluffton adopts hate crime ordinance!

During its October 10 Town Council meeting, Bluffton adopted a local Hate Crime Bill into law, joining Charleston, Columbia and Greenville.



South Carolina and Wyoming are the only two states in the country with no statewide law.

Bluffton's local hate crime law will create a new chargeable offense and can be added to a primary case where bias against a protected class is a contributing cause for the crime.

Hate intimidation can be charged when a person violates "Chapter 18 of the Town of Bluffton Code of Ordinances" with intent to intimidate a person or persons in whole or in part because of the actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability or national origin of any person." Everyone is protected.



BEAUFORT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA



YOU'RE INVITED!

THE BEAUFORT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE INAUGURAL BLUE ICE GALA, TO BE HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT THE HISTORIC PENN CENTER ON ST. HELENA ISLAND. THE GALA WILL SERVE AS A CELEBRATION HONORING THE HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS. THE EVENING WILL FEATURE A VERY SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, THE TRUE BLUE AWARDS CEREMONY, SILENT AUCTION, MUSIC, DRINKS AND WONDERFUL FOOD!

INDIVIDUAL DINNER TICKETS AND COCKTAIL RECEPTION TICKETS WENT ON SALE SEPTEMBER 29. WHILE VIEWING THE TICKET OPTIONS, PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING THE INAUGURAL BLUE ICE GALA AND BECOME A FOUNDING DONOR FOR WHAT WE HOPE WILL BECOME AN ANNUAL TRADITION!

You're Invited

BEAUFORT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S

BLUE ICE GALA

AT THE HISTORIC PENN CENTER
SAINT HELENA ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

Friday, December 1, 2023

Cocktail Reception 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

Awards Ceremony Special Guest Speaker

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES NOW OPEN

COCKTAIL RECEPTION TICKETS \$50 DINNER TICKETS \$100

For details, visit www.BeaufortCountyDems.org/BlueIceGala

BLUE ICE GALA DINNER AND B.I.G. COCKTAIL RECEPTION TICKETS

Tickets may be procured online at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/blueicegala>

or by check to the Beaufort County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 2796, Bluffton, S.C., 29910

Seating is limited at Penn Center. Get your tickets now!

B.I.G. COCKTAIL RECEPTION \$50

Enjoy networking with guests, cocktails and music backstage prior to dinner. Includes entry to B.I.G. Cocktail Reception and two drinks. (Drinks can not be purchased at Penn Center.)

BLUE ICE GALA DINNER & PROGRAM \$100. 6:30 PM

Join fellow Beaufort County Dems for the main event - dinner, drinks, the True Blue Awards, and a very special guest speaker, as well as a silent auction, music and dancing
Ticket includes dinner by Cynthia Holmes Catering and two drink tickets.

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BLUE ICE GALA

Friday, December 1, 2023

AT THE HISTORIC PENN CENTER
SAINT HELENA ISLAND

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

payable by check or at actblue.com/donate/blueicegala

Blue Diamond Sponsor \$2500

4 Tickets for Dinner & Cocktail Reception
Premier Seating

Recognition on Inaugural B.I.G. Sponsor Plaque in BCDP Office

Special Recognition on Screen & in Program

Full Page Advertising Space
+ Locally Sourced Gift Bags

Sapphire Sponsor \$1000

2 Tickets for Dinner & Cocktail Reception
Preferred Seating

Special Recognition on Screen & in Program

Advertising Space
+ Locally Sourced Gift Bags

Topaz Sponsor \$500

2 Tickets for Dinner & Cocktail Reception
Preferred Seating

Recognition on Screen & in Program

Crystal Sponsor \$250

1 Ticket for Dinner & Cocktail Reception
Preferred Seating

Recognition on Screen & in Program

PAID FOR BY THE BEAUFORT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Blue Ice Gala Sponsorship Levels

Sponsorships may be paid online at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/blueicegala> or by check to the Beaufort County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 2796, Bluffton, S.C., 29910

Blue Diamond Sponsor \$2500

- Names on permanent Blue Ice Gala Founding Sponsors plaque at BCDP office
- 4 Dinner Tickets
- 4 Cocktail Reception Tickets
- Premier Table Seating
- Local Gift Bag
- Special Recognition On-Screen and in Program
- Full page ad space for business, campaign, or personal message in program and on-screen

Sapphire Sponsor \$1000

- 2 Dinner Tickets
- 2 Cocktail Reception Tickets
- Preferred Table Seating
- Local Gift Bag
- Special Recognition On-Screen and in Program
- Half page ad space for business, campaign, or personal message in program and on-screen

Topaz Sponsor \$500

- 2 Dinner Tickets
- 2 Cocktail Reception Tickets
- Preferred Seating
- Recognition On-Screen and in Program

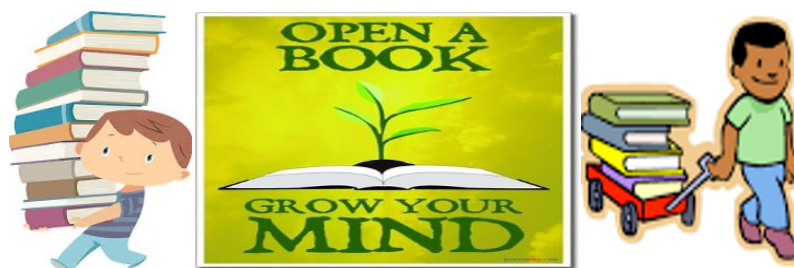
Crystal Sponsor \$250

- 1 Dinner Ticket
- 1 Cocktail Reception Ticket
- Preferred Seating
- Recognition On-Screen and in Program

THE DEMOCRATS OF SUN CITY ARE HOSTING

THANKFUL FOR THE RIGHT TO READ

*A Book Event to Educate and Empower
Young Readers about Censorship and Advocacy*



Donate Books to **DAYLO: Diversity Awareness Youth Literacy Organization**

Join us on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 4:00 – 6:00pm
in the Savannah Room at Hidden Cypress

- Enjoy refreshments, socialize and browse
- Books will be on display and available for purchase
- Meet the amazing DAYLO teens and learn about their mission
- Donate your books!

Contact Deborah Damers (lebeez3@yahoo.com) or Barathi Sarathy (bsarathy23@gmail.com) for more information.

Wishlist of Books Requested for DAYLO:
<https://the-storybook-shoppe.square.site>

Books ordered online or in person through The Storybook Shoppe in Bluffton will be delivered to this event on behalf of DAYLO. Multiple copies of these books are welcome and encouraged.

See you there!

URGENT!

It's time to make GOTV calls to Bluffton & Port Royal voters!

Did you know the last Port Royal Mayoral Election was won by only 22 votes?

The 2023 Local Elections will impact Bluffton, Port Royal, and all of Beaufort County for years to come.

Do your part to make sure that Strong Democrats get out to vote!

Join us on Zoom Saturday mornings from 10 am - noon. Sign up now!

“CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS” — MAKING GOTV CALLS FOR THE 2023 BLUFFTON AND PORT ROYAL ELECTIONS

About this event

Join **Beaufort County Democratic Party** members for "Conversations with Friends." **Start on Zoom on Saturday mornings from 10 am-noon.**

Our goal is to call our active and dedicated Democrat voters to have a friendly chat, the issues that are important to them, find ways to build community and help one another as we head towards 2024.

The next several weeks we will be making direct GOTV calls for the Bluffton and Port Royal Elections.

LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER. Don't sit this one out! Extremists are on the ballot.

No worries if this is your first time making calls! Online phone-banking is very easy. You'll need a computer/laptop/tablet and

your phone. The website has a script and list of Democratic voters to call. We train new folks every week!

Sign up for this project at beaufortcountydems.org (under calendar of events, click on our blue “urgent” card) or mobilize.us and you will receive your Zoom invitation prior to Saturday morning.

Sun City Dems' Upcoming Events

Event	Day/Date	Time/Location	Details
General Membership Meeting	Monday, October 23	The Lakehouse 6:30 Nosh, 7:00 Meeting	Guest: Mac DeFord Candidate, Cong. District #1
General Election Day Beaufort Cty. School Bond Referendum	Vote Early: Oct.23 - Nov. 3 (Monday Thru Friday) Last Day to Vote: Tuesday, November 7	7 AM to 7 PM	Be Sure to VOTE
General Membership Meeting	Saturday, November 18	Savannah Room Hidden Cypress 4 to 6 PM	"Thankful for the Right to Read"
<small>BEAUFORT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY</small> Save the Date Friday, December 1, 2023 BLUE ICE GALA <small>THE HISTORIC PENN CENTER SAINT HELENA ISLAND</small>	Friday, December 1	Friday evening, 12/1 The Historic Penn Center St. Helena Island	SAVE THE DATE! (Support the Beaufort County Democratic Party!)
No General Membership Meeting	December 2023	We wish you Happy Holidays	A Happy & Peaceful New Year



A note to you from the Dems Membership Chairs

Club Fair Results are in — 103 Renewals and 44 New Members. WOW!!!

Our tent was outstanding, thanks to new signs and the amazing set-up volunteers.

Our fantastic membership volunteers were busy from opening to closing.

THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME BY AND RENEWED OR JOINED!!

YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW FOR 2024 AT THE OCTOBER MEETING!!

Bring your **check, (preferred)**, made out to Democrats of Sun City for **\$15/person**

OR \$15 Cash/person

DO IT NOW!!

SO LATER YOU WON'T HAVE TO ASK

"HAVE I PAID MY DUES FOR 2024?"

— Thank you! Carolyn and Judy