

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF



JOHNSTON COUNTY

This. Is. Our. Year.

We're here. It's 2020. And this is our front-page article. We need to ignite your fury, your desire to join our movement and help elect leaders who will *actually* represent the best interests of *all* Johnston County Residents. This article needs to help you see that we're in a small county, and your involvement truly CAN make a difference. You need to see how desperately we need your help and support. But, how? What words could we say that would fan your flame?

Here's the bottom line - *we've got an amazing opportunity* to increase voter turnout; to help elect the representation we need and deserve. We can't let this opportunity pass us by. And **we need your help.**

Whatever your skills, whatever your interests ... we need you.

- ◇ *Are you a social butterfly?* Spend a couple hours at our booth during one of our community events.
- ◇ *Outgoing people person?* We always need poll greeters, and our candidates will be running phone banks!
- ◇ *Love to curl up and write letters?* Help our Power of the Pen campaign bring voters to the polls.
- ◇ *Super organized?* Volunteer in our Clayton or Smithfield offices.
- ◇ *Got a better suggestion? A fabulous fundraising idea?* Let's make it happen!

We need ALL the help we can get, especially this year. If you're interested in volunteering, able to make a financial contribution, or have an idea for the perfect fundraising opportunity, visit our website at www.jcdp.org and click "Get Involved" to let us know where your interests lie.

A Letter From Our President

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Dear Members,

I want to remind you to look forward. Look forward when you feel consumed with rage or doubt. Look forward when you're just not sure what our tomorrow looks like. Forward and Wonder! Forward and Dream! Forward and Know! Forward and ACT! I'm writing you as a reminder to always move forward and believe in the coming year. Our work will be long and *the struggle is real* - but change is possible!

Please join the DWJC as we look, plan, and ACT to move Johnston County Forward!!

Onward and upward,

Varnar Spencer

President, Democratic Women of Johnston County

What is a Precinct?

And why does it matter?

Johnston County is often thought of as *hopelessly* Republican. But ... *is it really?* Here are the numbers on the Johnston County Board of Elections website¹:

Registered Voters as of: 12/23/2019 Republican: 49,753 Democrat: 37,676 Libertarian: 822 Green: 24 Constitution: 84 Una: 41,491 Total: 129,848

The difference between registered Democrats and registered Republicans really isn't all that much. But here's the exciting part. Take a look at that last figure - there are more than 41,000 voters in Johnston County registered as "Unaffiliated." We **can** turn Johnston County blue - but only if we educate voters on who our candidates are, what they stand for, and why they're the best leaders to bring our residents roaring into the 2020's.... and get voters to the polls.

So ... how are we going to connect with JoCo voters? Have you seen a map of our County? It's huuuuuuge. Here's the answer - the easiest way to reach voters county-wide is through active precincts. But, what is a precinct, anyway? How do I know which one I'm in? And who do I contact to get involved?



*PLEASE mark your calendars for February 15th***

Your attendance is NEEDED at your Precinct Organizing Meeting!



Think about the place you go to cast your vote on Election Day - that's the polling place for your precinct. Everyone who votes at that location lives in your precinct. Your precinct is as "local" as it gets - it's you and your neighbors, working together to advocate for shared beliefs and progress. It's the backbone of our grassroots political organization, and the easiest way to get involved and truly make an impact in the election is actually probably the easiest - getting involved with your local precinct. Nobody knows your neighborhood better than you.

Precinct Organizing Meetings are held each spring. A few important things happen at these meetings - first, the precinct is identified as "organized" with the North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP), which helps allocate resources to aid in our *Get Out the Vote* efforts. Officers are elected to help coordinate outreach in that precinct. And finally, delegates are named for the District and County conventions, which eventually lead to selecting the delegates who will represent us at the State Convention and even the biggest political event of the year - the Democratic National Convention.

A precinct will be considered "organized" with the NCDP if 5 registered Democrats who live in that precinct attend the annual Precinct Meeting. That's all we need - 5 attendees. Yet many of our 36 precincts struggle each year to get even 5 people to attend. *Please, we need you to attend this meeting.*

** Our Precinct Organizing Meetings will be held the week of February 9-15, with the majority of precincts meeting on Saturday, February 15. As time and location for each precinct are confirmed, details will be posted online, so pop by our website for more information. Not sure which precinct you're in? Visit our website and click on the "Registration Lookup" link. Search for yourself, and your voter registration info will display which precinct you're registered in.

JCDP's New Smithfield Office

Location, location, location!

The Johnston County Democratic Party is leasing a new field office in Smithfield! It's a storefront location on Market Street, easy to access (no stairs!!!) and we are SO excited to have an additional space for meetings and events.

**1302 W. Market Street
Smithfield, NC 27577**

*Our DWJC meetings are now being
held at our Smithfield office, so
make note of this address!*

We're Hosting!

Our Regional Meeting of the Democratic Women of North Carolina (we're in Region 8) will be held on April 4, 2020 - and we'll be hosting it in our new Smithfield office! We hope you'll be able to join us - the meeting's going to be an awesome opportunity to meet and collaborate with representatives of sister chapters from neighboring counties!

Mark Your



February 9 - Open House for our new Smithfield office!
February 13 - Early Voting Begins (Primary Election)
February 15 - Precinct Organizing Meetings
February 20 - DWJC February meeting
March 3 - Primary Election Day
March 19 - DWJC March meeting
March 25 - Johnston County Democratic Party Convention
April 4 - Region 8 DWNC Meeting at our Smithfield office
April 16 - DWJC April meeting
April 25 - Congressional District Convention

2020 is going to be BUSY!!

*These are just a few of the events we've got planned
for this spring, with so much more to come!*

**Visit our website for information on all our upcoming
events and make sure you're on our Facebook page
and email list to stay in the loop!**

We are a local organization with a very small budget.

*Please consider becoming a sustaining donor to the DWJC.
A small monthly contribution will go a long way!*

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Our Website: www.jcdp.org

We can be. Stronger. Together.

2020 Primary Election Information

Early Voting begins Thursday, February 13

Last Day for Early Voting is Saturday, February 29

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 3

The School Board race is non-partisan. You will be able to select up to FOUR candidates.

Here are the Democratic candidates:

Kelly O'Hanlon-Peedin

Kay Carroll

Carolyn Cash

Kenon Crumble

Ava Atkinson Gaines

Yvonne Marlowe

Rick Mercier

Our only chance at success in November is to put forth the best possible candidates for each race.

That decision is yours.

Please visit www.jcdp.org/candidates for a list of all Democratic Party candidates, along with links to their websites.