

# The Bray

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Greenville County Democratic Party

Greenville, SC

## Election Day is Tuesday, November 5: Yes, This One IS Important!

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On Tuesday, November 5...in just a few days, you, yes, YOU, dear reader of *The Bray*, you must go the polls to vote for our worthy Democratic candidates, Gaye Sprague for At-Large City Councilperson and Dave Langenhan for Greenville Water Commission. Both have opposition. No, it's not "just" a citywide election; it matters! A win in both of these contests is essential to the continued progress of our community; a good turnout helps build our momentum for the 2014 governor's race and the presidential contest in 2016. Yes, it starts now! For a ride to the polls, call Democratic Headquarters at 232-5531 on or before Election Day.

And now, a word about our candidates....

### **Dave Langenhan, final sprint for Water Commission candidate**

*A GE engineer who has embraced Greenville as his home, Dave is a first-time candidate who wants to contribute to our town, especially in his area of expertise-- water management, delivery systems, and budgets. We're in the final stretch! Dave has been going door-to-door in neighborhoods around Greenville to tell people what he will bring to the Water Commission: making sure you have a voice, protecting natural resources, and applying his technical experience and know-how. Already Dave has brought important issues into the public forum, including budget items that impact your bill, protection of the South Saluda River, and improving accessibility to the monthly Commission meetings. Dave is running on a commitment to represent the whole community, with a focus on improving transparency and community engagement in matters related to water use and planning.*

Visit Dave's website at:  
[www.votefordave2013.com](http://www.votefordave2013.com) or  
[water@votefordave2013.com](mailto:water@votefordave2013.com) or 864-326-5789. Please mail contributions to:  
Committee to Elect Dave Langenhan, 30  
Ruskin Square, Greenville, SC 29607.

Dave extends his most sincere thank you to everyone who has supported him.

### **Gaye Sprague, re-election countdown for City Councilperson Sprague**

*Gaye, a civil engineer with extensive professional experience working with city governments, is currently serving her first term on City Council. Her hard work and energy on Council have earned her endorsement for re-election from the entire council, across party lines.*

City Councilwoman Gaye Sprague is very grateful for all the contributions of time and money that so many of you have made to her City Council campaign. Gaye gave an outstanding debate performance at the October Roteract meeting on October 9 at The Commerce Club, demonstrating once again the value of her professional expertise, her maturity, and her knowledge of our city. Job One now is getting out the vote and getting to the polls on November 5. Several polling locations have changed for this election. Please double-check where you vote; see accompanying article or visit <http://www.gayesprague2013.com/vote>. Not sure you will be available on the 5<sup>th</sup>? Absentee voting is open through November 4. Please remind your family and friends to vote. Finally, please join us to celebrate your hard work in support of a strong candidate at the Sprague Victory Party, 200 Fairview Drive, Greenville, 29605, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

## November Events Revolve Around Elections— Current and Future!

**Note:** There will be no Democratic Party gathering this month. Stay tuned for information about a December get-together.

### **November 2, 3, 4**

Phone banking for Gaye Sprague and Dave Langenhan, GCDP HQ (1300-J East Washington Street), 10:00 am- 6:00 pm. Contact Trevor Rodgers, 940-765-8302 or [trodgers@scdp.org](mailto:trodgers@scdp.org) or just show up to help!

### **Tuesday, November 5**

Election Day. Polls open 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. Vote in the Greenville City Election for Gaye Sprague, Democratic candidate for At-Large City Councilperson and for Dave Langenhan, Democratic candidate for Water Commission. Help make reminder calls to voters, all day, GCDP HQ. Call HQ to sign up or just show up to help. See other articles in *The Bray* for details about voter photo ID, polling places, and absentee voting.

### **Tuesday, November 5**

Election Day phone banking for Gaye Sprague, Gaye's office (3101 Augusta St Greenville, SC 29605), 8:00 am- 7:00 pm. Contact Trevor Rodgers for more information or just show up to help. Callers also urging votes for Dave Langenhan.

### **Monday, November 11**

Democratic Women of Greenville County, dinner meeting, Vincent Sheheen, Democratic candidate for governor, guest speaker. The Handlebar, 304 E. Stone Ave., Greenville. 5:30 pm. \$20 for buffet dinner; reservations required for dinner by November 7. Others welcome to attend; cash bar and tea available. Call HQ, 864-232-5531 or email [headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com](mailto:headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com).

### **Tuesday, November 12**

League of Women Voters of Greenville County, 6 pm, University Center, Room 419,

225 S. Pleasantburg Drive (formerly McAllister Square). Speaker: Clemson University Professor Juan Gilbert, developer of the Prime III voting machine that combines accessibility, affordability, and a paper ballot for backup and verification. For additional information, contact the League, 864-297-4914.

### **Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17**

*One Year Out* Voter Registration Weekend of Action. Join the Greenville team! Meet at GCDP HQ and head out in groups to register voters. Saturday shifts: 10:00 am, noon, 2:00 pm; Sunday shifts: noon and 2:00 pm. Bonus: The team that gets the most voter registrations statewide will enjoy a private reception with Congressman James Clyburn; the team that turns out the most volunteers statewide will enjoy a private reception with former governor Jim Hodges.

### **Looking Ahead....**

#### **Monday, December 9**

Democratic Women of Greenville County, Christmas Party, The Handlebar, 5:30 pm.

#### **Monday, January 13**

Democratic Women of Greenville County, lunch meeting, Fried Green Tomatoes, 12:15 pm. Speaker: Rabbi Marc Wilson--The Year of Altruism.

#### **Tuesday, January 14**

Progressive Network, Legislature Opening Day rally patterned after North Carolina's Moral Monday demonstrations. Video-linking throughout the state, simultaneous actions posted in real time. Emphasis on the damage done by failure to expand Medicaid in SC.

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## Thanks, Donors, and Did You Know...?

Thank you to the following supporters who made contributions to the GCDP this month: Democratic Women of Greenville County (Gold Yellow Dog Pledge), Bruce and Edwina Snyder (completion of Gold Yellow Dog Pledge), and Fletcher and Gloria Martin. We appreciate your commitment to the goals of our party!

Did you know that, including this month's list, 64 Democrats have contributed to the party so far in 2013, several of them more

than once? Surprised by that number? Want to help it get higher... let's say to at least 100 contributors? Then make out your check and mail it to Greenville County Democratic Party, 1300-J E. Washington Street, Greenville, SC 29607, attention-Anita LeBold, treasurer. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you! For contributions of \$100 or more, please indicate your profession (or retired) as required by the SC Ethics Commission.

## Sheheen “Extremely Well Positioned” to Defeat “Deeply Vulnerable” Haley in 2014

A poll conducted in mid-October for the national Democratic Governors Association indicates that, one year out, the 2014 South Carolina governor’s race is a dead heat.

“The poll shows Vincent Sheheen extremely well positioned to defeat Nikki Haley. Haley’s ratings are well below 50% and, in the ballot test, Sheheen is within the margin of error with the undecided vote likely to break in his favor. Governor Haley’s approval ratings are tepid. Her favorable rating in the state is 40% and her unfavorable rating is 35%. In Greenville-Spartanburg, the state’s Republican stronghold, our poll has Haley at 46%, which is down from the 58% vote share she earned in that market in 2010,” the association stated.

The poll report continues, “Sheheen is already leading Haley 44% -30% among indepen-

dents. The undecided vote is fertile ground for Sheheen, particularly given that undecideds typically break toward the challenger. This is made more likely by the fact that only 24% of undecided voters have a favorable view of Nikki Haley and only 19% have a favorable view of the Tea Party. Sheheen is getting a larger share of Republicans than Haley is of Democrats, and more Democrats remain undecided. As Sheheen continues to reintroduce himself around the state, consolidates the Democratic base, and undecided voters break toward the challenger, the race will only tighten further. With Haley so significantly below 50% on the head-to-head ballot and suffering from persistently low approval ratings, even in Republican strongholds, the sitting governor is deeply vulnerable in 2014.”

### Absentee Voting Still Available

In-person absentee voting for the November 5 election continues through Monday, November 4, the day before Election Day. If you will be out of town Tuesday or otherwise qualify, you may vote every weekday through Monday, November 4, 8:30 am-5:00 pm. Typical reasons to vote absentee include: out of town on Election Day, disability, age 65 or older, or work schedule that prevents voting during the entire voting day (7:00 am – 7:00 pm).

Please see Gaye Sprague’s website, [www.gayesprague2013.com](http://www.gayesprague2013.com) for complete information.

Vote in-person absentee at Conference Room H, County Square Office Building, 301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC 29601. The closest outside entrance door for the voting site reads “Human Service Agencies.” This entrance is near the Veteran’s Memorial Wall.

## What You Need to Know about Photo ID

Now that photo ID is a reality to vote in South Carolina, it’s not enough to bring your voter registration card to the polling place *unless* you *have a newer registration card that includes your photo*. If, like most voters, you have the old non-photo voter registration card, be sure to have one of the following forms of **photo ID** with you when you go to vote: SC driver’s license, SC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) photo ID card, federal military ID, or US passport.

If you do not have one of these forms of photo ID with you on Election Day, you may vote a provisional ballot if (1) you show your non-photo voter registration card AND (2) you state a reasonable impediment to obtaining a photo ID. A reasonable impediment is a valid reason, beyond your control, which created an obstacle to obtaining a photo ID. Examples include: lack of transportation to DMV or voter registration office; disability, illness or lack of a birth

certificate; work schedule or family obligations; religious objection to being photographed; or other reasonable obstacles.

To vote using the reasonable impediment exception, you must (1) present your current, non-photo registration card at the polling place; (2) sign an affidavit stating why you could not obtain a photo ID; (3) cast a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted unless the county election commission has reason to believe your affidavit is false.

In addition, if you simply forget to bring your photo ID with you to the polling place, you may still vote a provisional ballot. However, for *your* vote to be counted, you must provide an accepted photo ID to the county election commission prior to certification of the election (usually the Thursday or Friday after the election). Questions? Call the Greenville County Board of Voter Registration at 864-467-7250 or go to [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org).

## Polling Sites for November 5 Elections: Check for Changes in Your Polling Place!

Ready to vote? Make sure you know your polling location. Schools will not be used for this election so some of us will be voting in new locations. See the list below or call the voter registration office at 467-7250 or the city clerk at 467-4431.

*If your "Previous Polling Site" is highlighted, your polling place has changed for THIS election.*

Precinct	Previous Polling Site	Polling Site on November 5th	Address
Greenville 01	League Academy	Stone Lake Community Club	707 Chick Springs Rd
Greenville 03 (w/ Gvl 04)	Summit Drive Elementary	Brutontown Community Center	200 Leo Lewis St
Greenville 04	Stone Academy	Brutontown Community Center	200 Leo Lewis St
Greenville 05		Sears Shelter	100 E Park Ave
Greenville 06 (w/ Gvl 07)	Mt. Calvary Baptist Church	W Greenville Recreation Center	8 Rochester St
Greenville 07		W Greenville Recreation Center	8 Rochester St
Greenville 08		YWCA	700 Augusta St
Greenville 10		Springfield Baptist Church	600 E McBee Ave
Greenville 14	Sterling School	Phillis Wheatley	40 John McCarroll Way
Greenville 16		Augusta Rd Baptist Church	1823 Augusta St
Greenville 17		St Matthew United Methodist	701 Cleveland St
Greenville 18 (w/ Gvl 16)	Augusta Circle Elementary	Augusta Rd Baptist Church	1823 Augusta St
Greenville 19		Pleasant Valley Connection	510 Old Augusta Rd
Greenville 20		Trinity United Methodist Church	2703 Augusta St
Greenville 21		Meals on Wheels	15 Oregon St
Greenville 22		Sanctuary Church	302 Parkins Mill Rd
Greenville 23		Eastlan Baptist Church	625 S Pleasantburg Dr
Greenville 24	Beck Academy	Enoree River Baptist Association	421 Dallas Rd
Greenville 25		McCarter Presbyterian Church	2 Pelham Rd
Greenville 26 (w/ Gvl 27)	E. North Street Academy	Overbrook Baptist Church	1705 E North St
Greenville 27		Overbrook Baptist Church	1705 E North St
Greenville 28		Francis Asbury United Methodist Church	1800 E North St
Greenville 29	JL Mann	Enoree River Baptist Association	421 Dallas Rd
Mauldin 1	Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church	Enoree River Baptist Association	421 Dallas St.
Mauldin 2	Forester Woods Clubhouse	Enoree River Baptist Association	421 Dallas St.
Mission		Morningside Baptist Church	1115 Pelham Rd
Rock Hill at Mission	Mitchell Road Elementary	Morningside Baptist Church	1115 Pelham Rd
Southside (w/ Gvl 16)	Southside High School	Augusta Rd Baptist Church	1823 Augusta St
Spring Forest		First Church of The Nazarene	1201 Haywood Rd

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