

# THE BRAY

*The latest news and updates from the Greenville County Democratic Party*



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## The rubber hits the road

*It's time for all good Dems to come to the aid of their Party*

BY KATE FRANCH



Dear Democrats,

Midterm campaign season is in full swing and optimism is high!

Did you see that an August Garin-Hart-Yang poll showed our gubernatorial candidate, James Smith, "narrowly trailing" his incumbent opponent by only four percentage points - within the poll's margin of error?

It was that close more than two months before Election Day despite Governor McMaster having higher name recognition. And, the more people learned about the two candidates, the more they preferred James, 51 percent to 46 percent.

## Rubber hits the road (continued)

The pollsters could have probably simply measured activity at the GCDP office and come to the same conclusion. Smith/Norrell signs are practically flying out of the door – we can barely keep them stocked. Folks who have never visited the office, many of whom don't regularly vote for Democrats, are dropping by along with our Party faithful. I've been told that some streets are awash with Democratic candidate signs.

This news bodes well for all of our candidates and, when they win, ultimately for our community and state. It should have each of us promising to do something this election cycle to make sure that this momentum becomes reality. Planting a sign in your yard and placing a bumper sticker on your car (a mobile yard sign) for each of the candidates running on your ballot can make a huge difference in terms of name recognition and influencing your neighbors. Stop by Headquarters to pick up some.

While you're there add your name to a volunteer list or sign up right now by clicking here: [www.greenvilledemocrats.com/volunteer](http://www.greenvilledemocrats.com/volunteer). We're looking for phone bankers, canvassers, and administrative help for the general campaign and for drivers during both absentee voting and on November 6. We also need poll watchers to help protect the vote on Election Day at each of our precinct polling places.

The state Democratic Party has placed a regional field director, Tucker Lawson (who held the same role in 2016), and two field organizers in the county to coordinate voter contact, motivation, and get-out-the-vote activities with our GCDP volunteers. Their role is to provide training, scripts, voter lists, maps, everything you'll need to fulfill a specific and targeted campaign plan that can get Democrats elected up and down the ballot. They are gearing up, so please don't think twice about signing up.

If you want to work for a specific candidate, [we can get you connected there as well](#). (See page 4 for candidate contact information.)

Just as an ocean wave consists of many individual particles of water, the Blue Wave will be formed by each one of us being involved and engaged. Decide what you can do and jump in! The landing will be soft but oh so impactful.

See you along the election trail,

*Kate*

## Calendar of Events

### September

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| <p><b>22</b> GCDP September Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.<br/>at Upstate Circle of Friends, 29<br/>Ridgeway Dr., Greenville 29605</p> | <p><b>25</b> Tariffs and The Impact on the 4th District<br/>Brandon Brown town hall. 6-8 PM<br/>Augusta Road Library, 100 Lydia St.</p> |
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### October

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| <p><b>01</b> Who Gets to be an American?<br/>Younts Conference Center, 3300<br/>Poinsett Highway, Greenville 29613<br/>6:30-8:30 PM</p> | <p><b>03</b> Young Democrats Monthly Meeting<br/>6 PM- GCDP HQ<br/>1300 E Washington Suite J, Greenville.</p>   |
| <p><b>05</b> Last day to register to vote in person for<br/>the November 6 election.</p>  | <p><b>06</b> Democratic Women's Coffee Meet Up<br/>9 AM, Panera Bread, 375 Harrison Bridge<br/>Rd., Simpsonville.</p>   |
| <p><b>06</b> Democratic Women Monthly Meeting<br/>12:15 PM, West End Community Center,<br/>Greenville.</p>                              | <p><b>11</b> League of Women Voters, Greenville, SC<br/>4th Congressional District forum, 7 PM,<br/>Spartanburg County Library, 151 S Church<br/>St. Spartanburg.</p> |
| <p><b>14</b> Greenville Huddle monthly meeting 2 PM,<br/>GCDP headquarters 1300 E. Washington<br/>St. Suite J, Greenville.</p>          | <p><b>20</b> Democratic Women's Monthly Coffee<br/>Meet Up, 9 AM West End Coffee<br/>Shoppe, 1021 South Main St., Greenville.</p>                                     |
| <p><b>27</b> GCDP breakfast meeting, 8:30 AM,<br/>Upstate Circle of Friends, 29 Ridgeway<br/>Drive, Greenville 29605</p>                | <p><b>28</b> Get Out the Vote Rally, 2 PM Brutontown<br/>Community Center, 200 Leo Lewis St.,<br/>Greenville</p>  |

### November

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| <p><b>02</b> Greenville NAACP Freedom Fund<br/>Banquet, Fuller Normal<br/>Industrial Institute.</p> | <p><b>17</b> GCDP monthly breakfast meeting <b>*note<br/>date change</b> 8:30 AM, Upstate Circle of<br/>Friends, 29 Ridgeway Drive, Greenville.</p> |
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**NOVEMBER 6  
ELECTION DAY**

There will be no monthly breakfast  
meeting in December.

### Get Out the Vote Rally

Come join your fellow Democrats for a Get Out The Vote Rally on Sunday, October 28, 2-4 PM at the Brutontown Community Center, 200 Leo Lewis Street, Greenville, 29609. This free event includes a fish fry, bake sale, games for kids and adults, speeches by candidates, and special musical entertainment by SC Democratic gubernatorial candidate James Smith and his band.

This event is hosted by the GCDP and Democratic Women of Greenville County and sponsored by Hope Huddle.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts and assist with activities. If you can help, please contact [Corey Urbina](mailto:c_urbina@charter.net) at [c\\_urbina@charter.net](mailto:c_urbina@charter.net)

## Our Democratic Candidates

There is still time for all of us to get involved in the effort to put more Democrats in Congress, the State House and County Council. Here's our slate and their contact information. You can knock on doors, phone bank, talk them up on social media. And whatever you do: Vote!

### **Governor/ James E. Smith - Mandy Norell Powers**

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# Who Gets Your Vote?

Get to know the Democratic candidates: Who they are, what they stand for

This month, GCDP writers profile **Carrie Counton**, **Brandon Brown**, and **Judi Buckley**. Read full profiles and more to come next month at [greenvilledemocrats/news](https://greenvilledemocrats/news).

BY LAURA HAIGHT

A higher education fundraiser turned political operative, **Brandon Brown**'s commitment to seeing that all parents have a chance to send their kids to college is the driver that got him to run for the congressional seat vacated by Trey Gowdy. Brandon had run for the seat unsuccessfully more than a dozen years ago. Read more about Brandon here: <https://greenvilledemocrats.com/brown-profile/>

**Judi Buckley**, candidate for State House, has been a state official before. She was a senator in the US Virgin Islands. Her career and personal experiences have forged strength, perseverance, and focus in her. And those tough Southern roots from her Alabama beginnings make her more than willing to roll her sleeves up and get busy for causes she believes in. Find out how she responded when Hurricane Irma battered the Virgin Islands last year in this profile: <https://greenvilledemocrats.com/buckley-profile/>

Education, healthcare, and women's rights are three areas where SC has consistently struggled - either through lack of will or lack of resources. That's where **Carrie Counton**, candidate for State House, is aiming her campaign. "You should never have the words working and poor in the same sentence together," Carrie says. Find out more about Carrie and the South Carolina she wants to help build here: <https://greenvilledemocrats.com/counton-profile/>



## James Smith: Answering The Call

As you are reading this, James Smith, Democratic candidate for governor, is deployed with the National Guard response to Hurricane Florence. James has always answered the call to service. After 9/11, he re-enlisted in the military to fight terror in Afghanistan. In 2017, he heard another call to service: to help his state and he answered that call too.



Smith is gaining ground on current governor, Henry McMaster, who despite being a Trump Republican is not highly thought of by his constituents. A recent poll found while 39 percent of SC voters think McMaster is a strong leader, only 38 percent are confident McMaster would put the state ahead of politics and just 37 percent are confident that their governor is honest.

It's a perfect storm: A strong Democrat challenges a weak Republican. We can get James Smith over the line. Check out his ad titled The Call and share it with your friends, family, and neighbors. Email, social media, word of mouth, and volunteering to help will contribute to electing James and running mate, Mandy Norell Powers.

Watch the ad and, share it: <http://bit.ly/2CZ6koc>

## Information for Voters

**Election Day:** November 6, 2018. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. So long as you are in line at 7 p.m. you will be allowed to vote.

**Voter Registration Deadlines:** Registering in-person is Friday, October 5; by mail postmarked by Tuesday, October 9; or online/by fax/by email by October 7. See [SCvotes.org](http://SCvotes.org)

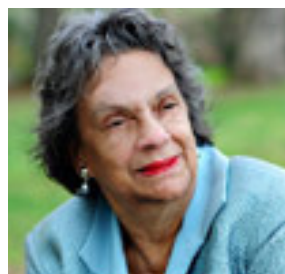
### Absentee voting:

**By mail:** Deadline to apply for a through the mail ballot is Friday, November 2 (but earlier is better). Completed ballot must be received at the Election Commission office, 301 University Ridge, Suite 1900, Greenville, 29601 by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day or call the Election Commission office at 864-467-7264 for a ballot. Go to [SCvotes.org](http://SCvotes.org) to print out an absentee application online.

**In-person:** Absentee voting in-person is expected to start Monday, October 8 and end Monday, November 5 at 5:00 p.m. Typical M-F hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with some Saturdays TBA from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Vote at Greenville County Square, Conference Room H, 301 University Ridge, Greenville. Photo ID, in the form of a driver's license, military ID, US Passport, or SC voter registration card with photo is required.

## African American History Calendar

The South Carolina Department of Education will unveil the 2019 African American History calendar at a free event on Tuesday, October 8 at 7 PM at the Koger Center for the Arts in Columbia. The late Honorable Lottie B. Gibson will be featured in the calendar. All are welcome to attend.





## Coming out of The Wilderness



Not tired of political news yet? Then “The Wilderness” may be for you. The Wilderness is a documentary podcast about the history and future of the Democratic Party. Pod Save America’s Jon Favreau tells the story of a party finding its way out of the political wilderness through conversations with strategists, historians, policy experts, organizers, and voters. In 15 episodes, the series explores issues like inequality, race, immigration, sexism, foreign policy, media strategy, and how Democrats can build a winning majority that lasts. Get it on iTunes or wherever you get your podcasts. <https://apple.co/2CZGbpc>

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## Candidate fair

BY AMANDA MCDOUGALD SCOTT

The GCDP Candidate Fair held on August 25 represented a new approach in helping to foster the relationship between candidates and volunteers looking for a campaign (or candidate) to support: speed dating. Volunteers were asked to sit at tables that were color-coded according to skills normally seen on a career resume, such as marketing, volunteer coordination, research, writing, networking, and fundraising. Candidates were given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the group at the beginning of the event, then asked to rotate at 7-minute intervals among the table of volunteers. The goals were for candidates to think about the skills needed to run a campaign in a new way, and volunteers to understand that the skills they possess and utilize daily can be useful in a campaign.

Breakfast was served, and there was much chatter between candidates, campaigns, and potential volunteers. Several attendees were new faces to the GCDP breakfast, citing that this event had inspired them to come out and get involved. These new attendees said that they had found out about the event on Facebook and decided to attend.

Candidates and campaigns reportedly enjoyed the event. We hope that the relationships sparked at this event prove to be fruitful—leading Democrats to win in November.

Want to get involved and help get Dems over the finish line? Volunteer with the GCDP, stay on top of opportunities to help candidates by phone banking or canvassing on our calendar, and help register new voters.

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## Lifetime Lawyer Award for Riley

Former S.C. governor Richard Riley is the recipient of The American Lawyer’s 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award, the law magazine’s annual award recognizing extraordinary careers and public service in nationally prominent law firms + legal institutions. Riley was honored for his impact on education, especially through the Education Improvement Act.



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