



Lancaster County Democratic Party Newsletter



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Happy Holidays



*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah,
Ramadan, Kwanzaa, and Pancha
Ganapati!*

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LCDP Executive Board

Katie Crosby	Chair
Keith T. Grey, Sr.	1 st Vice Chair
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Meeting and Events Calendar - 2023

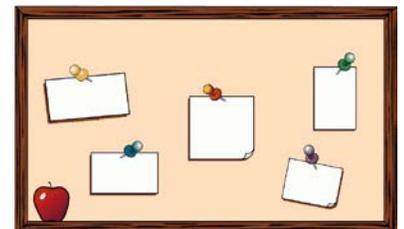
The Lancaster County Democratic Party	The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 7 at 7 PM in person at Lancaster County Library 313 White St. Lancaster, SC or via Zoom. Katie Crosby Chair, www.lancasterdemocrats.com . Guest Speaker: Mallory Jacobs, Regional Director of Operations for South Carolina Foster Care at Pinnacle Family Services. Link to RSVP
LCDP Executive Committee Meeting	Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on December 12 at 7 PM. Link to RSVP
SCCL Democrats	Meet on the second Wednesday of each month in person or by Zoom. For information, contact Andra Sudler, President, Sun City Carolina Lakes Democrats (agsudler@gmail.com).
LCDP Democratic Women	Meet on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on December 21 at 7 PM Link to RSVP
Dem Good Time Social	Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on December 27, 6 PM, Jim 'N Nicks, Indian Land Link to RSVP
LCDP Leadership Labs	Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17, 6-7 PM, Link to RSVP
First Sunday Walk/ Adopt a Highway	December 3, 10 AM, Manchester Meadows Park, 337 E Mt Gallant Rd, Rock Hill Link to RSVP
Katie Crosby Campaign Launch for SC House District 44	Tuesday, Dec. 5 7 PM, Portofino's More Info and RSVP
Dems Care Day	Lancaster Promise Neighborhoods Cleanup, Saturday December 9, 9-12 AM Sign UP
Indian Land Christmas Parade	with LCDP & Lancaster County Democratic Women's Council, Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 PM Email us at LCDPBoardSC@gmail.com if you'd like to participate.
Community Events	Lancaster City Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 12, 7 PM, City Hall, 216 S. Catawba Street More Info Van Wyck Town Council Meeting, Monday, Dec. 4, 7 PM More Info

If you know of events that would be of interest to our members, please send them to the newsletter email to be included in the next issue. For current events and meetings, also check out the Events section on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterSCDems>

LCDP Bulletin Board

If you would like to talk to the LCDP Chair, contact her by email (LCDPboardsc@gmail.com) or by telephone (803-227-3364).

Address for the LCDP: P.O. Box 2372, Lancaster, 29821





Join Us!

Sunday, December 3

10 am at Manchester Meadows Park
337 E Mt Gallant Rd
Rock Hill, SC 29730

[Link to RSVP](#)

Help Wanted



These positions of leadership are open. Please contact Katie Crosby (lcdpboardsc@gmail.com), if interested.
Budget Action Team Leader, GOTV (Get Out the Vote) Action Team Leader, and Membership/Volunteer Action Team Leader

Please note: Some voting precincts have changed. Everyone with a change should receive an update in the mail, and can also check at SCVotes.gov.

As we gather to celebrate and participate, let's also take a moment to appreciate the joys and blessings of the season. Wishing you and your loved ones a delightful start to the holidays!

Best Wishes,

Katie Crosby
Chair, Lancaster County Democratic Party





**** URGENT CALL TO ACTION ****

Less than 120 Days until SC Senators could vote to allow people as young as 18 years old to carry loaded handguns in public with no training or background check 45

Tell them what you think before it's too late! The SC Legislature reconvenes on January 9, 2024.

Lawmakers want to allow South Carolinians as young as 18 to carry a loaded handgun, openly or concealed, in most public places with no training, no permit, and no background check. Last year, lawmakers voted one permitless carry bill through the House.

18-20 year olds commit homicides at triple the rate of adults 21 and over

(Source: Everytown analysis using FBI Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) and US Census American Community Survey data 2016-2020. Analysis includes all homicide offenses (i.e., murders, nonnegligent manslaughters, negligent manslaughters, and justifiable homicides) known to law enforcement and reported to SHR by participating agencies. Young people aged 18-20 committed homicides at a rate of 6.95 per 100,000 people of the same age group in the US population, compared to a rate of 2.31 per 100,000 adults aged 21 and older.)

Note: Private property owners and businesses could still prohibit guns on their premises by posting specific signs, and employers may prohibit guns in their workplace.

Currently, to carry a concealed gun in public, gun owners must apply for a CWP. They must be 21 years old, pass a background check, and receive basic firearms training. CWP holders must renew their permits, including a background check, every five years. Permitless Carry would eliminate the CWP system.

Chief Jim Stewart of Anderson, President of the SC Police Chiefs Association, and Chief Skip Holbrook of Columbia, President of the SC Law Enforcement Officers Association, have both publicly opposed this measure.

What will happen if this bill becomes law?

Allowing people without Concealed Weapons Permit training to carry a handgun in public could increase the risks of gun violence for EVERYONE, including law enforcement officers.

States that have weakened their firearms permitting systems have experienced a 13-15 percent increase in violent crime rates

(Source: John J. Donohue, Abhay Aneja, and Kyle D. Weber, "Right-to-carry Laws and Violent Crime: A Comprehensive Assessment Using Panel Data and a State-Level Synthetic Control Analysis," Journal of Empirical Legal Studies 16, no. 2 (2019): 198-247.)

What can you do? Become a Gun Sense Superhero in 10 minutes!

- 1. Go to https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php to find out who your SC State Senator is.
2. Contact your SC State Senator: call, email, send a card, or all three! Be sure to say you're a constituent. If you have a personal story to tell, do so.
3. Ask at least 5 of your friends to do the same.
4. All SC sheriffs are elected officials. Find your sheriff at https://www.sheriffsc.org/county_map/ and ask them to speak out against permitless carry.

State and Local Issues

Note: Contact information for representatives in the SC Legislature and US Congress is in the Reference Section.

South Carolina Legislature

The legislature adjourned sine die on June 19 and will not return until January. We will keep watch on the bills of interest and keep you informed when the legislature returns.

Note: To find out what is happening in the legislature, go to <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/index.php>

South Carolina News

SC Rep. Bill Sandifer, R-Seneca---The US House is not the only legislative body where corruption is taking place. We have it here in SC as well. [SC House Rep. Bill Sandifer, R-Seneca](#) allegedly requested a campaign contribution from a Rock Hill body shop owner in exchange for holding a hearing on a bill the body shop owner wanted. No campaign contribution was paid, and the bill lost the interest of Rep. Sandifer.

SC Abortion Law---The [SC Supreme Court has rejected the latest challenge to the SC ban on abortion](#). Abortion providers had argued that the wording of the law would seem to indicate that the ban should take place at nine weeks instead of six and requested clarification. Supreme Court justices refused to rule on the question and said all challenges would have to go through the lower courts. This means abortions in SC will continue to be illegal after six weeks.

[Nineteen people from SC](#) have been charged with taking part in the January 6 attack on the US Capitol.

First in name only? [New Hampshire will hold its presidential primary on Jan. 23](#), despite the fact that President Biden and the Democratic Party have declared that the first presidential primary will be held in South Carolina on February 3.

Former President Trump [attended the Clemson-Carolina game](#) in Williams Brice Stadium on November 25 and received an enthusiastic welcome from much of the crowd. He was accompanied by a SC entourage of Gov. Henry McMaster, Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette, Treasurer Curt Loftis, U.S. Rep. Russell Fry, and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham. At halftime, Trump and McMaster walked to the middle of the field, and Trump received mostly cheers, with just a few scattered boos. However, before the game, some football fans booed his motorcade as he was approaching the stadium. Notably, South Carolinian and fellow presidential candidate Nikki Haley was not present at the game.

The presidential campaign of Nikki Haley has gained the [support of the influential network associated with billionaire Charles Koch](#). This is the first time the network has backed a single candidate.

Editorial and Opinions Section

Please consider sharing your opinion messages as your time permits. I will put in comments and articles of any length. We need to share with each other. Your opinion and perspective are greatly valued here. Please submit to: Associate Editor, Jennifer Jewett at lcdpscnews@gmail.com. Thanks!!

2023 John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Honorees

State Senator Penry Gustavson, along with Senators Katrina Shealy, Margie Bright Mathews, Mia McLeod and Sandy Senn were [recognized by the John F. Kennedy Library](#) for their stand on women's rights. In April, they organized a filibuster on women's health and kept the state legislature from passing a total ban on abortions. On Friday, November 3, Senator Shealy was interviewed on SCETV's "This Week in South Carolina." She talked about the misconceptions that the senators tried to dispel.

Although they could not prevent 'The Heartbeat Bill' from passing, they did show that women working across party lines could take a stand for justice. The two Republican women have faced repercussions in the form of censure and being primaried by their local party organizations. We offer them a belated thank you.

Jennifer

Criminals in Congress

If you lie on your employment application and your employer finds out, you will very likely be fired. Congressman George Santos lied not only to the voters who hired him to represent them but also to Congress and to everyone who came in contact with him, including on official papers that he signed swearing to the truth of his statements. Santos has told so many lies, cheated so many people, and committed so many crimes that to list them here would not leave room for anything more in this newsletter. If you would like to read about his lies and his crimes, this article in [New York Magazine](#) has a list of the ones that have been reported.

And yet, and yet, [182 Republicans and 31 Democrats voted](#) in the US House of Representatives to let him keep his seat there. The 182 Republicans are no big surprise. Keeping his vote in a House where they hold only a slim majority is possibly more of an incentive than doing the right thing—disgusting, but expected. But 31 Democrats?

Republicans don't have the market cornered on corruption. For example, Democratic Senator Robert Menendez-New Jersey has sold his integrity and loyalty to his country in exchange for hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes, gold bars, luxury gifts, and the approval of his girlfriend, now wife. [He used his position in the US Senate](#) to benefit three New Jersey businessmen and the government of Egypt. Unlike the Republican colleagues of George Santos, the Democrats in Congress immediately disowned him and called for his resignation. Integrity and respect for the office were more important than keeping his sorely needed vote. But now 31 Democrats have left their morality behind and joined Republicans in supporting George Santos--a liar, a criminal, and a violator of his oath of office. There must be something more to this story because I just can't see what is in it for them.

Post Note: On November 17, the [House Ethics Committee released a report](#) that said there is "substantial evidence" that Santos used campaign funds for personal expenses. The report also said that "uncharged and unlawful conduct" had been discovered that go beyond the criminal allegations already pending against him. Despite the huge amount of evidence to the contrary and the fact that he has already pleaded guilty to 23 federal charges, Santos denied all wrongdoing. He said he does not plan to run for reelection next year. Good riddance!

Judy Langston

Jennifer Jewett, Editor, Editorial and Opinions Section





PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Democrats



President Joe Biden



[Representative Dean Phillips](#)
D-MN

Democratic Presidential
Primary in SC – February
3, 2024.

The Democratic Party logo, a blue donkey with white stars on its back and red legs.

Republican Presidential
Primary in SC – February
24, 2024.

The Republican Party logo, a red elephant with a blue dome and white stars on its back.

[Marianne Williamson](#)
Ran for President in 2020

Note that there is a new challenger to President Biden.

Republicans



Donald Trump
Former
President of the
US



Nikki Haley
Former SC
Governor and US
Ambassador to the
UN



Vivek Ramaswamy
Entrepreneur



Asa Hutchinson
former Arkansas
Governor



Ryan Binkley
Businessman and
Preacher



Ron DeSantis,
Governor of
Florida



Chris Christie,
Former Governor
of New Jersey



Doug Burgum,
Governor of North
Dakota

All of these candidates (except Asa Hutchinson,) plus two relatively unknown candidates (**entrepreneur David Stuckenberg** and Texas tax consultant **John Anthony Castro**) will be on the **SC Republican presidential primary ballot**. No public domain photos were available on Stuckenberg and Castro. Tim Scott had qualified, but he dropped out.



STATE AND LOCAL CANDIDATES

Katie Crosby's 2024 campaign for SC House District 44!

◇—————◇
Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 7:00 PM

Portofino's
Indian Land, SC

www.KatieCrosbySC.com



[More Info and RSVP](#)

Biden's Cabinet

Office	Person	Office	Person
Secretary of State	Antony Blinken	Secretary of Treasury	Janet Yellen
Secretary of Defense	Lloyd Austin	Attorney General	Merrick Garland
Secretary of the Interior	Deb Haaland	Secretary of Agriculture	Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Commerce	Gina Raimondo	Secretary of Labor	Martin Walsh
Secretary of Health and Human Services	Xavier Becerra	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Marcia Fudge
Secretary of Transportation	Pete Buttigieg	Secretary of Energy	Jennifer Granholm
Secretary of Education	Miguel Cardona	Secretary of Veterans Affairs	Denis McDonough
Secretary of Homeland Security	Alejandro Mayorkas		
Cabinet-level Officials			
White House Chief of Staff	Ron Klain	US Trade Representative	Katherine Tai
Director of National Intelligence	Avril Haines	Director of the CIA	William J. Burns
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency	Michael S. Regan	Administrator of the Small Business Administration	Isabel Casillas Guzman
Director of the Office of Management and Budget	Shalanda Young	US Ambassador to the United Nations	Linda Thomas Greenfield
Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors	Cecilia Rouse	US Presidential Envoy for Climate	John Kerry
Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy—Science Advisor to the President	Alondra Nelson		
Other			
Chairman DNC	Jaime Harrison	Press Secretary	Karine Jean-Pierre
Deputy Chief of Staff	Jen O'Malley Dillon	Chief Medical Adviser	
Deputy Chief of Staff	Bruce Reed		



Get to know President Biden's cabinet and Staff
 You will find information on all of them [on this website](#).

Note: All cabinet photos are public domain from [Wikipedia](#).

The Third Year

President Biden turned 81 on November 20, making him the oldest sitting president in US History. He was also the [first presidential candidate](#) to win more than 80 million votes.

APEC Conference, San Francisco, in November. President Biden [met with Indonesia's president, Joko Widodo at the White House prior to the APEC Conference](#), and with [Chinese President Xi Jinping](#) later during the conference. Biden hopes to strengthen ties with Indonesia to counteract China's influence in the region. He met with Xi Jinping in an effort to defuse economic tension with China. While attending a dinner on November 15, [President Xi Jinping said](#), "China is ready to be a partner and friend of the United States." However, in his remarks at the press conference following the meeting with Xi Jinping, President Biden called Xi Jinping a dictator, and that brought an angry response from the Chinese president.

Immigration---Republican Texas Gov. Greg [Abbott signed a border bill](#) that would make it a new crime to enter Texas illegally. The bill, SB4, gives law enforcement the power to arrest and order migrants to leave the US and goes against the federal laws regarding immigration in general, and the Biden Administration's attempts to defend the right of the federal government to control immigration policies in particular.

Budget Battles and Government Shutdowns---See November 14 in the News Points section.

Climate---A Danish company [canceled two multibillion-dollar wind farms](#) off the New Jersey coast, which is upsetting to the Biden administration's climate plans. President Biden does not plan to attend the November 30 – December 12 global [COP28 climate summit in Dubai](#). He is sending other government officials to represent the US instead.

News Points to Review

November 3---In the Senate, one senator can hold up nominations or legislation even if the other 99 want it to move forward. Alabama Republican Tommy [Tuberville has blocked almost all military officer promotions and appointments](#) to fill vacancies since February because he does not like the Pentagon's policy of allowing service members to receive paid leave and travel reimbursement if they travel out-of-state for abortion care. In September, the secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force said the military superiority of the country "was being 'actively eroded' by Tuberville's stunt. It is putting our national security at risk."

November 5---Apparently, former President Trump is still having difficulty keeping his mouth closed about court personnel, and that condition has now spread to his attorneys. The judge of Donald Trump's civil fraud trial has [expanded a gag order to Trump's attorneys](#) after their continued public discussions about the judge's communications with his law clerk.

November 6---There may be a [shortage of election officials and people to work at the polls](#) by the time of the 2024 election. Many officials and workers are resigning or retiring due to the harassment, threats, and partisan interference they have endured while trying to perform their duties. This is the legacy of Donald Trump's false claims that the 2020 election was stolen from him.

November 6---[Swifties' and BTS fans' activism](#) may have a significant effect in the upcoming runoff election. Go Swifties!

November 8---[Voters in Ohio](#) made abortion a constitutional right, the first state to do so.

November 9---[Senator Joe Manchin announced](#) that he will not run for reelection in 2024, potentially threatening Democrats' slim majority in the Senate. West Virginia is a very red state, so it is a likely his successor will be a Republican.

November 14---The [US House passed a \\$14.3 aid package for Israel](#), but it was [blocked by the Senate](#). Among points of conflict were a failure to include funding for Ukraine, disagreement over the required cuts of \$14.3 billion in IRS funding to offset the cost, and the \$12 billion it would add to the US deficit. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said that cutting IRS funding would add to the deficit and cause a loss of approximately \$26.8 billion in revenue over 10 years.

November 14---[The House passed a bill](#) to fund some parts of the government until January 19 and the remainder until February 2. Among those receiving funding just until January 19 are military construction, veterans' affairs, transportation, housing, and the Energy Department. There is no funding for the wars in Ukraine and Israel in the bill. Two hundred and nine Democrats voted for the bill, but only 127 Republicans. Ninety-three Republicans and two Democrats op-

posed the bill. The [Senate also passed the bill](#) 87 to 11, and President Biden signed it. The bill extends funding at the current level with no cuts and no increases. New speaker Johnson has said that he is “done with short-term stopgap bills,” a promise he may not be able to keep, given the current state of partisan animosity in Congress.

November 14---Former President [Trump has announced his plans for immigration](#) should he be elected president again. He plans to: round up undocumented immigrants already in the US and put them in detention camps to await deportation, stop paying for the provision of shelter and transportation for undocumented immigrants, reinstate Title 42 policy, terminate all work permits and welfare benefits for illegal immigrants, and reinstate a travel ban on predominantly Muslim countries.

[He has also said](#) he would fire all federal workers deemed disloyal and would use the power of federal law enforcement against political enemies. If he wins reelection, he believes his powers would be absolute (like a dictator rather than an elected representative of the people). Speaking in New Hampshire, [he said](#), “We will root out the communists, Marxists, fascists, and the radical left thugs that live like vermin within the confines of our country...the real threat is not from the radical right. The real threat is from the radical left, and it’s growing every day.”

Attempts in the states of Colorado, Michigan, and Minnesota to [remove Trump from the 2024 presidential primary ballot](#) based on the claim that he is barred from office by the US Constitution because of the January 6 uprising were struck down by federal judges in those states. The Colorado judge said that Trump did engage in insurrection, but that the 14th Amendment “insurrectionist ban” did not apply to presidents.

November 15---The infantile behavior in Congress would be funny if it did not reflect the dire state of democracy in this country. Rep. Tim Burchett (R-Tenn.) accused Representative McCarthy of elbowing him in the back, and Senator Markwayne Mullin, an Oklahoma Republican, challenged a labor leader to a fistfight. Burchett chased McCarthy after the back bump, yelled insults at him, and then told his story on CNN. Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), who is known for disliking McCarthy, filed a formal ethics complaint to have the incident investigated. McCarthy said he may have accidentally bumped Mullin because the hall was crowded but denied that it was intentional. In the fistfight challenge episode, the labor leader responded that he was quite willing to fight with Mullin. The two went back and forth until Senator Bernie Sanders, the committee’s chair, told them both to sit down. [These two incidents of inappropriate behavior](#) are just the most recent.



Traveling Democrats by Jennifer Jewett

Continuing our coverage of the most beautiful and/or interesting places in SC



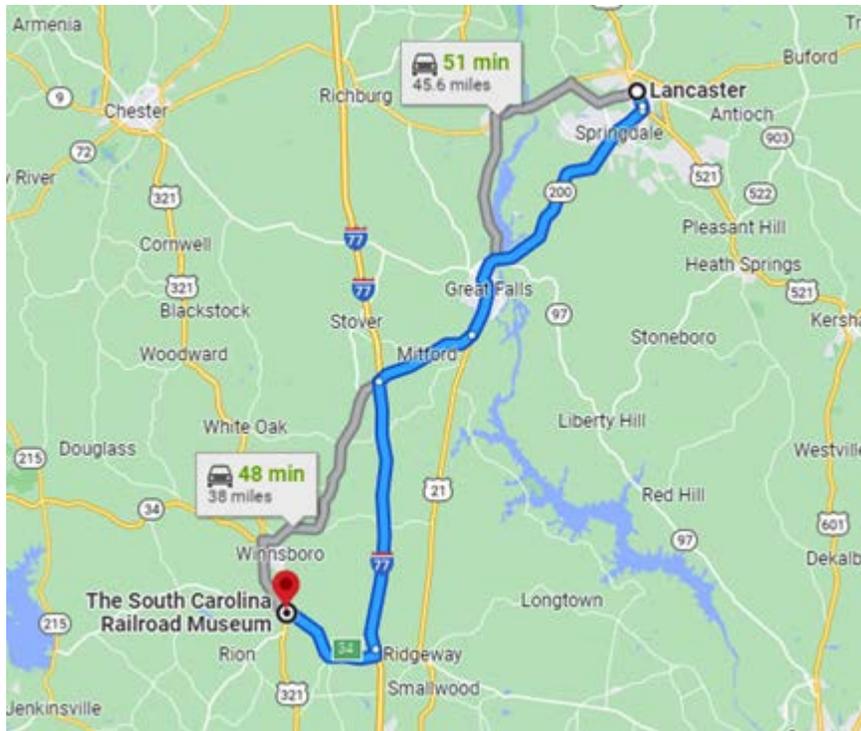
The South Carolina Railroad Museum and Train Rides 110 Industrial Park Road, Winnsboro, SC

The [SC Railroad Museum](#) is only an hour away. It is an easy drive to Great Falls on Highway 200, traveling on Interstate 77 to the Ridgeway exit, and then a short way west from there. I am covering the museum schedule in detail because of all the special holiday events it has. There's lots of fun nearby and it makes a scenic trip. I have mentioned before that Highway 21 from Great Falls to Ridgeway is very pretty.

The year-round schedule is Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. There is a museum and a display train that you can explore. This month special Santa trains operate in the daytime and on some days at twilight.

Summer trains run every Saturday, June through September. Dinner trains serving barbecue run on some Saturdays from April through October. In addition to the Santa trains, there are special holiday trains for Valentine's, Easter, and Halloween.

If you want to venture farther, there are numerous excursion trains in Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. The North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer is very thorough and it operates The Polar Express Christmas train from mid-November up until December 23.



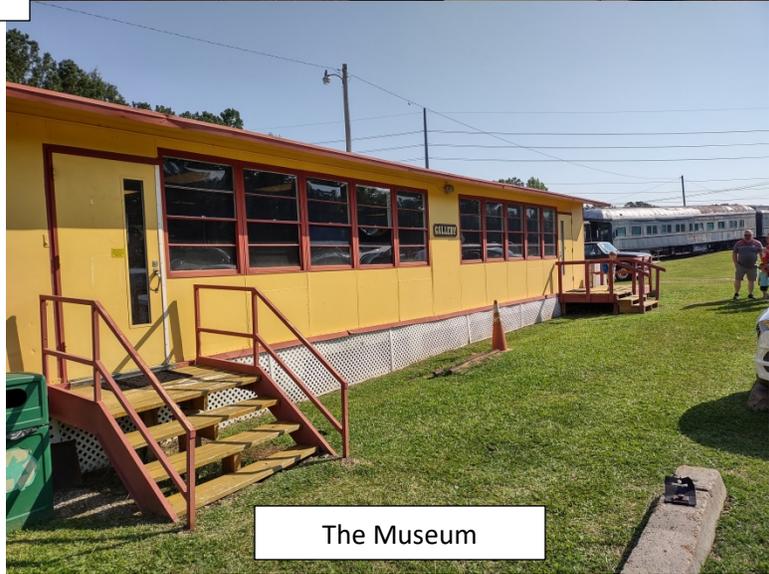
[NC Transportation Museum | The museum that moves you!](#)

[8 Christmas Trains in North Carolina - updated for 2023 - Charlotte On The Cheap](#)

The SC Railroad Museum



Ticket Office and Gift Shop



The Museum



All Aboard for the Train Ride



Scenic Views along the Way

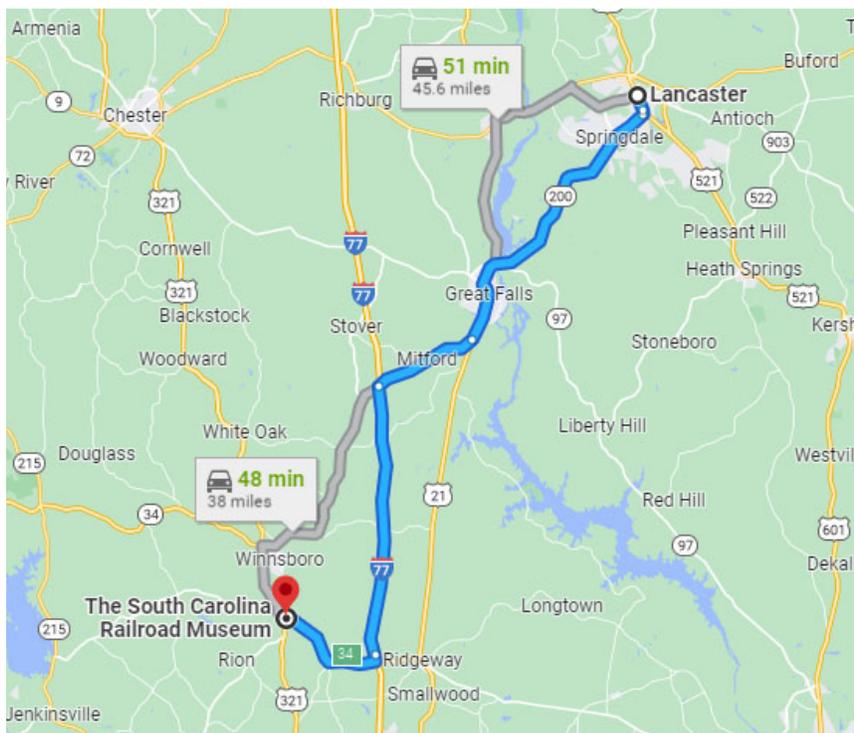


Special Events - Take a Train Ride
<https://www.scrm.org/>

<p>VALENTINE'S DINNER TRAIN</p> <p>The Friday & Saturday before Valentine's Day.</p>	<p>BBQ DINNER TRAINS</p> <p>Select Saturdays April through October</p>	<p>EASTER BUNNY EGGSPRESS</p> <p>The two Saturdays before Easter Sunday.</p>
<p>PUMPKIN PATCH EXPRESS</p> <p>The two Saturdays before Halloween.</p>	<p>STEAM TRAINS</p> <p>Watch our website & Facebook for upcoming dates.</p>	<p>SANTA TRAINS (Daytime)</p> <p>The First 3 Saturdays in December</p>
<p>TWILIGHT SANTA TRAINS</p> <p>The First 3 Fridays and Saturdays in December</p>	<p>BLUE GRANITE EXPRESS</p> <p>Summer Trains Every Saturday June through September</p>	

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Museum Gallery, Display Train, Ticket Office, & Gift Shop are open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm (opens @ 9:30 am during special occasions)



Interesting Creatures in South Carolina
The Carolina Wren



Carolina Wren in SC



Carolina Wren in Texas

- The Carolina Wren is the state bird of South Carolina.
- There are seven recognized subspecies and they differ slightly in song and appearance. The one on the left was photographed in South Carolina, and the one on the right in Texas.
- The wren is common in South Carolina but not showy like cardinals and other brightly colored birds, so you might not notice it.
- Wrens mainly eat meat such as beetles, spiders, grasshoppers, ants, bees, wasps, and small lizards and tree frogs, but some plant matter like seeds and fruit make up a small portion of their diet. They do sometimes eat seeds from bird feeders.
- Both males and females give out alarm calls, but only males sing. [Male wren singing.](#)
- Mated pairs maintain a territory and stay together for life.
- Carolina wrens raise as many as three broods during the summer breeding season.
- Although wrens like woodlands, swamps, and overgrown farms, they also like to build nests in flowerpots, hanging baskets, and in sheltered places on porches and carports.
- The male and female build the nest together and share the job of feeding the young.
- Young wrens leave the nest about 12-14 days after hatching.
- Once the young leave the nest, both parents stay nearby to watch over them.
- Cowbirds are a threat to nesting wrens. Cowbirds often steal wren nests, toss out the wren eggs, and use the nest to lay their own.
- The lifespan of most wrens that were banded has been less than ten years, but one wren captured in Arkansas was supposedly 73 years old.

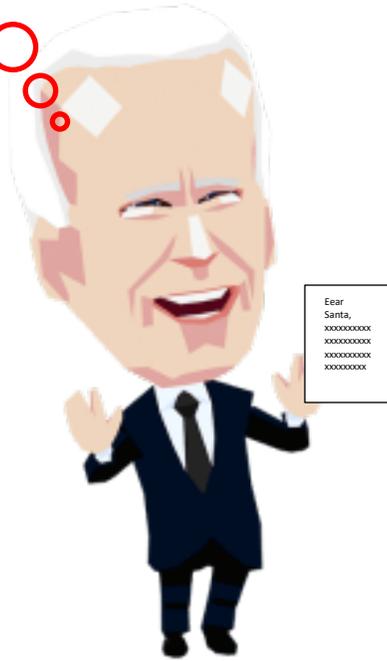
Events – NAACP Freedom Banquet







Letter to Santa



Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I was brave and visited Ukraine and Israel in time of war, I walked on the picket line with strikers, and I rode my bicycle to stay healthy. Please bring me

1. A win in the November election
2. A comfortable room in a federal prison for former President Trump.
3. Retraining gift certificates for Hunter and Commander.

Love,
Joey Biden

Through the Freedom of Information Act we managed to get a copy of President Biden's letter to Santa.



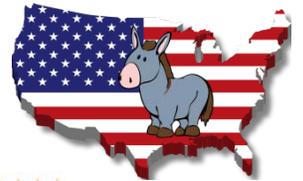
December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 1st Sunday Walk/ Leadership Lab	4	5 Katie Crosby Campaign Launch	6	7 LCDP Meeting	8	9 Indian Land Parade
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*LCDP Action Teams
By Jennifer Jewett*

Thanks to those who have stepped up to lead the action teams and to serve on them.

Jennifer

2023 Team Leaders

Fundraising	Ken Gillis
Events	Marla Sullivan
Social Media	Position Open
Webpage	Terry Pytlarz
Newsletter	Judy Langston
Email Notifications	Caroline Armstrong
Membership	Position Open
Get Out The Vote	Position Open
VoteBuilder Administration Action Team	Bonnie Peterson
Community Action Team	Keith Grey
Media Coordinator	Isaiah Fletcher



If you have comments or would like to serve on one of these teams, please send that information to us at LCDP-SCnews@gmail.com.

ACTION TEAMS

ACTION TEAMS

Budget (Ken Gillis)

The budget team is responsible for raising money for the LCDP. They will work under the supervision of the Treasurer. Some examples are phone solicitation, mailings, and hosted events.

Events (Marla Sullivan)

This team seeks out public events that we can participate in, like the Martin Luther King Parade, the Red Rose Festival, and the Indian Land Festival. These events are primarily for exposure of the county party.

Social Media (Position Open)

The social media team will be responsible for all postings to social media accounts. Each account is assigned to one primary administrator. These accounts are Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

Web Page (Terry Pytlarz)

The web page action team is responsible for all posting to the web page for the LCDP and will also host a blog on our page.

Newsletter (Judy Langston)

The Newsletter Team will produce and publish the LCDP monthly email newsletter.

Email Notifications (Caroline Armstrong)

This Team will be responsible for all distribution of emails to our membership.

Membership (Position Open)

The membership team is responsible for seeking out new volunteers and for increasing the LCDP membership at meetings and events. The team will coordinate volunteers for specific phone banking, mailing, and canvassing events. They will maintain all attendance records of meetings and events and update new members to the email notifications team.

GOTV (Get Out the Vote) Team (Position Open)

This team will implement the criteria for LCDP campaigns and work with both the VoteBuilder team and the membership team. The GOTV team will request a list to the VoteBuilder team and coordinate with the membership team to get the volunteers to complete the task. The GOTV team would supply the list and scripts and materials to the membership team. The membership team would distribute to volunteers.

Vote Builder Administration Team (Bonnie Peterson)

This team will need to learn VoteBuilder and be proficient on the computer. VoteBuilder is a program we have access to through the state. The VoteBuilder team will create lists requested by the GOTV team. They will also update VoteBuilder and maintain our database.

Community Action Team (Keith Grey)

This team will reach out to organizations in our community with whom we may wish to partner to show our support, either financially or physically. Examples are working with Promise Neighborhoods or our donations to NAACP.



LCDP Media and Social Media

We are working hard to maintain a presence on the Internet, so please drop in to visit us at any or all of our media below. We would welcome comments, suggestions, and especially contributions of content to post—videos, photos, links to articles, information on coming events, or anything else that would be of interest to our followers. Our YouTube channel needs 100 subscribers to get a more manageable URL, so if you would be willing to subscribe, that would be very much appreciated. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to visit us as well. If you have something you would like to share with us, please send it to LCDPSCnews@gmail.com, and we will see that it gets to the appropriate place. (FYI: Check out the [video](#) of LCDP members picking up roadside trash on our YouTube Channel.)



<https://www.lancasterdemocrats.com/> Webpage



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Useful Links	South Carolina Legislature Homepage	SC House in session	SC Senate in session	US House	US Senate

Note: To send an email, go to the representative's legislative website and select "contact."

SCDP Caucuses

The South Carolina Democratic Party has fifteen caucuses. If you are interested in becoming involved with any of them, joining is easy and free. All you need to do is complete the membership form [at this link](#) and choose which one or ones you wish to join. The Lancaster County Democratic Party has representatives in thirteen of the fifteen, and is still hoping to send representatives to the other two. If you are interested in becoming the LCDP representative for one of the two missing, just join that caucus and let Katie know you are willing to represent us. If the caucus you are interested in already has a LCDP representative, you could become an alternate or just be involved as a member.

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