

New Hanover County Democratic Party

NEWSLETTER

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2010 Precinct Meetings on February 27 – March 12

Thanks to the hard work of Democrats statewide and in New Hanover County, we turned our state Blue in 2008. Countless volunteer hours and the extraordinary energy of people who care made this victory possible.

Now is not the time to sit back and let all our energy fizzle. We need to keep the momentum going, and we need your help.

The New Hanover County Democratic Party will hold annual precinct organizing meetings across the county between February 27 and March 12.

As Democrats move forward in 2010, the precinct will continue to be the **basic unit** of organization.

In the North Carolina Democratic Party, the precinct meeting has traditionally been the key to political victory. It is the cornerstone of all the plans for the Party.

The precincts' vigorous pursuit of victory will determine the progress of North Carolina in years ahead.

Meetings are free and open to any registered Democrat residing in the precinct.

Meeting attendees will be electing delegates to the New Hanover County Convention on April 17, 2010, at 11:00 AM, at the Historic red Courthouse at 24 N. Third Street, Wilmington, NC. There is no need to elect precinct officers this year, just your delegates to the county convention. It is presumed that the precinct officers will stay the same for 2010 unless someone has resigned. This will free you up to talk about ways to expand your volunteer base within the precinct and enjoy a time of social interaction with Democrats who live within the same voting precinct.

Precinct chairs should schedule a time and place for their precinct meetings as quickly as possible. It is usually a good idea to contact key members of your precinct before you finalize the date. Please be sure to communicate with First Vice-Chair Deborah Maxwell to let her know the date and time and to make arrangements to receive your precinct packet. First Vice-Chair Maxwell can be reached at dmaxwell3@ec.rr.com or (910) 264-5643.

Remember, the 2010 Election is just around the corner.

Date for Set for 2010 County Convention

You are invited to show your support of the Democratic Party by participating in the 2010 New Hanover County Democratic Party Convention.

The convention has been has been scheduled for April 17 in the Assembly Room of the New Hanover County Historic Courthouse at 24 N. Third Street. The starting time is 11:00 AM.

The convention will be more than a celebration of our past victories. It will mark the symbolic beginning point of the important struggle that lies ahead as we seek to build on the victories of the past two years.

The convention will afford all Democratic candidates who are running for office in 2010 an opportunity to appeal to New Hanover County Democrats for their support and assistance in the May 4 Primary Election and the November 2 General Election.

We will also elect delegates to the Congressional District Convention; elect members of the Prosecutorial District Executive Committee; and elect members of the NC House District 16 Executive Committee.

Look forward to more exciting news about the 2010 County Convention!

Changes in Polling Places

The voting locations (polling places) for H-5 and W-26 have been changed. The polling place for H-5 has been move from Noble Middle School to Port City Community Church at 250 Vision Drive. W-26 has been moved from the National Guard Armory to Sunset Park Baptist Church at 231 Central Blvd. The changes were made at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the New Hanover County Board of Elections.

Did Redistricting Affect Your Precinct?

Precincts that were affected by the North Carolina House of Representatives redistricting for House 16 and 18 are as follows:

CF-2: House 18; CF-05: House 18; CF-06: House 18; H-01: House 18;

H-04: House 18; W-12: House 18; W-13: House 18; W-18: House 18;

W-24: House 18; W-28: House 18;

H-10: House 16

None of the other New Hanover County precincts were directly affected by the redistricting. They are in the same house districts as the last election.

Now the only district that is split between New Hanover County and Pender County is House 16.

2010 Election: What's at Stake?

We hope to have an exciting line-up of Democratic candidates when the filing period closes on February 25, 2010. **Once the filing period closes we will begin listing all the Democratic candidates on our web site with their contact information and/or web sites links.** For now, here is what is at stake in New Hanover County:

U.S. Senator to face Republican Richard Burr (six year term)

U.S Congress, Seventh District (two year term)

NC Senate (Julia Boseman seat, two-year term)

The NC House District seats for New Hanover County - 16, 18, and 19 (two-year terms)

Two Superior Court Judgeships (eight-year terms); The District Court Judge seats of Rebecca Blackmore, Melinda Crouch, and James Faison (four-year terms)

A newly-created District Court Judge Seat

New Hanover County Sheriff (four-year term)

District Attorney for the Fifth Judicial District (four-year term)

New Hanover County Clerk of Superior Court (four-year term)

Two County Commissioners (four-year terms)

Four New Hanover County Board of Education seats (for four years)

Soil & Water Conservation Supervisor (two members, four-year terms).

People We Know

Congratulations to former Third Vice-Chair **Charles Blanton**. Charlie, who is now a second-year law student at North Carolina Central University Law School, was recently elected President of the NC Central University Law Public Interest Law Organization. As president, he will represent the organization at the Robert Cover Public Interest Law Retreat at Yale University later this month.

Former Third Vice-Chair **Kaitlin Helms** is serving as Executive Assistant to the Congressman in the Washington Office of Congressman Mike McIntyre.

New Photographs Posted on Web Site

Check out the great new photos in the gallery section of the web site. In the latest postings Party Photographer Owen Wexler captures New Hanover Democrats making a difference at the 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Parade. Photographs from 2008 and 2009 will evoke inspiring remembrances of the past two elections.