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| **Elections – Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?** |
| Welcome to our first monthly newsletter. Starting in September, the SDC will begin its coordinated campaign committee activities. More to come on this. Email Nejla Liias at [lotusactiongroup@gmail.com](about:blank) to get on our volunteer list. In the meantime, here is some information about the November elections and options to get involved. We need you to keep NY19 blue and to flip our NY State Senate and Assembly seats.  **Antonio Delgado – NY19 – Let’s Reelect Antonio!**  Antonio has worked tirelessly on behalf of NY CD19 to respond to COVID19 and ensure our District has what it needs to weather the storm. And before this Antonio has fulfilled his promise to reach out to constituents through town halls and represent all of us in Congress. If you can, please consider donating to Antonio’s campaign [here](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/adfc_website?refcode=maincontrib&amount=20.18). NY19 remains a top district Republicans are eyeing to flip. It is critical that Antonio has the resources he needs to prevail.  Find out ways to help Antonio at [delgadoforcongress.com](https://delgadoforcongress.com/).  **Michelle Hinchey – Time to Flip NY State Senate District 46!**  *"The best hope for Democrats is the Hudson Valley seat being vacated by George Amedore, Jr., [which] already has a prominent Democratic candidate: Michelle Hinchey."*  *New York Times 12/12/19*  Our NY State Senate seat has been red for too long. We can change that. We can send Michelle to the New York State Senate in 2021 in November where she will represent Democratic values and help create jobs, affordable health care including long-term care, and ensure environmental and social justice. Please consider donating to Michelle’s campaign [here](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/hincheyforny).  Find out ways to help Michelle at [hincheyforny.com](https://hincheyforny.com/).  **Betsy Kraat – Time to Win in NY Assembly District 102!**  As a single mom of two boys, Betsy knows the real concerns for regular New Yorkers. Born in Kingston, she has lived in Saugerties and Catskill and currently lives in Hunter. She is the mom of a special needs child and has grappled with the lack of affordable housing in our area. She will fight for universal health care, robust public education, decent and adequate housing, social justice and the environment. Please consider donating to Betsy’s campaign [here](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/committee-to-elect-betsy-kraat-1).  Find out ways to help Betsy at [betsyforassembly.com](https://betsyforassembly.com/). |

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| **Important Information and Upcoming Dates** |
| The Saugerties Democratic Committee had its monthly meeting on June 24th by Zoom.\* Highlights of the meeting include:   * Betsy Kraat presentation on running for NYS Assembly District 102; * Donations to Michelle Hinchey and Betsy Kraat campaigns; * Donations to RiseUp Kingston; * Creation of a Bylaws Subcommittee to review the existing bylaws and make recommendations for revisions and updates (please contact Lanny Walter at [lanny@lannywalter.com](about:blank) for more information); * Feedback on our June 11 Disinformation Forum.   Next SDC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28. Please email Bill Barr at [wdbarr@hotmail.com](about:blank) for the virtual meeting updates. Please mark your calendar for future meeting dates on the fourth Tuesday of every month, including August 25; September 22; October 27; and November 24.  \*For a copy of the last meeting’s full minutes, please email Bill Barr at [wdbarr@hotmail.com](about:blank). |
| **Stay Informed and Get Involved!** |
| Here are some immediate ways to get involved with the Saugerties Democratic Committee or other important organizations in our town and local area. Future newsletters will provide other ways to get involved.  **Volunteer!** Please email Nejla Liias at [lotusactiongroup@gmail.com](about:blank) to volunteer with the Saugerties Democratic Committee when we coordinate our GOTV and phonebanking. Depending on COVID, we hope to have a campaign office in Saugerties. If not, we will host regular virtual updates for volunteers starting in September. Location TBD!  **Racial Justice!** Here are some of the organizations that we are supporting and working with in our racial justice work: [Citizen Action](https://citizenactionny.org/), [RiseUp Kingston](https://riseupkingston.org/), [End the New Jim Crow Action Network (ENJAN)](https://endthenewjimcrow.blogspot.com/), [Good Work Institute](https://goodworkinstitute.org/), [Ulster Immigration Defense Network (UIDN)](https://ulsterimmigrantdefensenetwork.org/), [Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson](https://nobodyleavesmidhudson.org/), [Caring Majority](http://www.nycaringmajority.org/home).  **Get Trained! T**here are lots of resources to get comfortable with getting out the vote. It is likely that we will be virtual canvassing most of this fall. If this is the case, phonebanking will be an important part of this work. [Here’s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l84cnm4Uk0U) one training video by Vote Save America. Around 37 minutes into the training is a great discussion about “telling your story” when you speak to a voter.  **Important News: Karolys Sued by State Attorney General.** Many of you have been following the Town’s attempt to stop illegal dumping in the township by Joseph Karolys. It has been an uneven process with the Town’s attempts at a stop work order being overturned by the courts, then that action overturned, citations issued, and Department of Environmental Conservation violations issued while the dumping continued unabated. At last, Letitia James, New York State Attorney General, has filed a suit, holding the Karolys operation liable for numerous and significant environmental violations. Read the full report [here](https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/2020/ag-james-sues-saugerties-dump-site-owner-over-continued-environmental-violations). |