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| **Elections Update**  |
| **We want your input – Thank You!**The Saugerties Democratic Committee is in the process of building the November election campaign plan and we want to know how we can best involve you, our fellow Democrats, this election season. Please take a few minutes to fill out this [survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TXSDVRW) before August 10. **June Primary Outcomes**The votes have been counted and the official results are in. The Saugerties turnout for the primary was above previous primary elections, with 56% of registered Democrats casting a ballot. The participation rate included a high of nearly 80% of eligible Democratic voters in Election District 1 and a low of just under 50% in Election District 11 in the Saugerties election districts that had committee member challenges. Claudia Andreassen is the Democratic candidate for Saugerties Town Justice, defeating her primary opponent by a 3 to 1 margin. She has no Republican challenger in November, but she is not running unopposed. She faces an opponent on the Working Families and Independence lines and another candidate on the Libertarian line. In addition to the Town Justice race, 15 of the 16 candidates on the Saugerties Democratic Committee’s official slate won and will begin their two-year term in September. The Committee is committed to party unity and invites all registered Democrats to attend meetings and events and work on our efforts to elect our candidates. **November 3rd Election**No one needs to be reminded of the importance of the November 3rd election. We must elect Joe Biden, the presumed Democratic presidential candidate, to save our democracy. However, it’s imperative that we also work hard to elect all our Democratic candidates: [Antonio Delgado for Congress](https://delgado.house.gov/), [Michelle Hinchey for NY State Senate](https://hincheyforny.com/), [Betsy Kraat for NY State Assembly](https://betsyforassembly.com/), and [Claudia Andreassen for Town Justice](http://voteforclaudia.com/).  Stay tuned for the Saugerties Democratic Committee’s *November 2020 Campaign Strategic Plan*, which will be unveiled in the next week or so. We’re in this to win. Get involved! Join our team! Vote!  |

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| **Important Information and Upcoming Dates** |
| **July 28 Meeting**The Saugerties Democratic Committee had its monthly meeting on July 28 by Zoom.\* Highlights of the meeting include:* Congressman Antonio Delgado presentation and Q&A
* Discussion about Ulster County Democratic Committee Bylaws revisions
* Updates on the Delgado, Hinchey, Kraat, and Andreassen campaigns
* Report by Ad Hoc SDC Bylaws Review and Revision committee
* Discussion of local school district and COVID-19
* Review of the upcoming Saugerties Police reform process
* Announced the “Stay Safe, Stay Open” campaign supporting local businesses that was spearheaded by the SDC. Look for these signs going up all over town!

Next SDC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25. Please email Bill Barr at wdbarr@hotmail.com for the virtual meeting updates. Please mark your calendar for future meeting dates on the fourth Tuesday of every month, including 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. |
| **Local News and Get Involved!** |
| **Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)** is a grassroots, community-building initiative where neighbors nurture relationships and help energize voters. To learn more about N2N, contact Kevin Freeman at kfree2@gmail.com or join us on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:00 PM at [tinyurl.com/y4ql7o5p](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88113508480?pwd=eWNLZXJTZHJrTi9jU0s0UU83YnRvdz09#success) with the passcode 628192.**Caring Majority publishes important report** Caring Majority and City University of New York just released findings from their comprehensive study on home care in the Hudson Valley. The research included surveys and interviews with home care workers and analysis of workforce data to understand the causes and scope of the home care crisis in our area. Current and former home care workers described the job of caring for the elderly and people with disabilities as meaningful and important. Yet, 2 in 5 say they are looking to leave the field because of poverty wages (average $18,400 annually), where 1 in 5 lives below or near the poverty level. The more than 6,500 deaths in New York nursing homes because of COVID have further demonstrated the need for people to be cared for in their homes. For more information, see [report](https://domesticemployers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Hudson-Valley-Home-Care-Shortage-Report-10pt-1.pdf?link_id=1&can_id=0c8aa53f9c6535358ae2ebf9000b06e9&source=email-ny-caring-majoritys-ground-breaking-report&email_referrer=email_877262&email_subject=ny-caring-majoritys-ground-breaking-report) or [tinyurl.com/y5md8v2v](https://tinyurl.com/y5md8v2v).**Flipping the Senate:** While the SDC will have a local 2020 campaign, it will also involve supporting efforts outside of New York. Some of these efforts have started, including writing letters and postcards, texting, and phoning for Democratic Senate candidates in competitive out-of-state races and get-out-the-vote campaigns for swing states. If you are interested in learning more about joining these actions, email chdinsmore@gmail.com or kathleengray33@gmail.com.  |