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| **Politics and Elections Because That’s What We Do** |
| **Do You Remember What We Do In September?** Cultural summer will be over right after Labor Day. Kids return to school. Vacations are splendid memories. And we turn our thoughts and actions to the upcoming elections. While voter turnout is historically low during an “off-year” election, local races are crucial. Now more than ever! Schools, businesses, and the town government grapple with ways to keep everyone safe with the emergence of the Delta virus. This is on top of business as usual.Turnout of Democratic voters is essential. And we need you! In fact, campaign volunteers play a huge role. You can help by meeting your neighbors as you safely canvass, or by making phone calls right from home. Consider this an all-hands-on-deck moment. Please contact Louise Bloomfield (845-247-0084; lbloomfieldsdc@gmail.com) or Kathy Gordon (845-853-4920; david\_kathygordon11@verizon.net) and learn how you can be part of the team. **Meet Our Local Town Board Candidates**You may have met Kayleigh Zaloga and Kevin Freeman at the Saugerties July 4th Parade, the [Sawyer Motors Car Show](https://sawyermotorscarshow.com/), our local [Farmers Market](https://saugertiesfarmersmarket.com/), [ShoutOut Saugerties](https://www.shoutoutsaugerties.org/) (Kevin is a co-founder), the [Saugerties Artists Studio Tour](https://saugertiesarttour.org/), [Hope Rocks](https://www.hoperocksny.com/) and other Saugerties happenings. But if you haven’t met them yet, here is a brief introduction. Please reach out to them and learn more. [Kayleigh](https://www.kayzalogaforsaugerties.com/) is running for Town Board because she loves Saugerties and has the skills and passion to bridge the past and future. Since 2017, she has worked for Assembly member and Health Committee chair, Richard Gottfried, on legislation, state budgets, and healthcare policy. Ready to serve on day one, Kayleigh sees challenges as opportunities, differences as strengths, and the future as possibility.[Kevin](https://kevinforsaugerties.org/) is running for Town Board to bring a measured perspective to the complex issues Saugerties faces in the coming months and years. [Kevin shows up](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7TpCUGsc4g) and is there for his community. He is determined to help our town come together to protect the environment, create affordable housing and good paying jobs, and ensure that Saugerties is friendly and welcoming to all. **Other Important Saugerties Races**The countywide races are uncontested as are Fred Costello’s reelection as Town Supervisor and Julie Dunn for Receiver of Taxes. But besides Kevin’s and Kayleigh’s elections, Democrats Aaron Levine for Legislative District 1 ([Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Aaron4Ulster)), Joe Maloney for Legislative District 2 ([Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/JoeForSaugerties), [Website](https://www.joeforsaugerties.com/)) and Arick Manocha for Legislative District 3 ([Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/manochaforlegislature)) will also face GOP opponents. And there are important propositions on the ballot relating to voter rights. So don’t only go to the polls, turn over your ballot.  |

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| **Monthly Meeting News** |
| **August SDC Meetings Highlights**\*The Saugerties Democratic Committee met on Tuesday, August 24, via Zoom. The Committee elected Deena Rae Turner as an SDC member and Anna Markowitz as an associate member. Additionally, two resolutions were passed—1) Commending the Saugerties School District superintendent and the administration for requiring masks for students and staff in schools to prevent the spread of the Covid virus; and 2) Favoring the enactment of national laws to protect voting rights that ensure people’s right to vote is not determined by where they live, and encouraging people to join the August 28 sister march (Kingston) of the national March On for Voting Rights in support of these national voting standards.\*For a copy of the full minutes, please email saugertiesdemocraticcommittee@gmail.com or check [saugertiesdemocrats.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CChristine%5CDocuments%5CDemocratic%20Committee%5Csaugertiesdemocrats.org). Also please email Louise Bloomfield at saugertiesdemocraticcommittee@gmail.com for upcoming virtual meeting links. The remaining 2021 monthly meetings are Sept. 28, Oct.26, and Nov. 23. All welcome! |
| **News and Newsworthy** |
| **Saugerties Public Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election** is on Thursday, September 2, from 10:00 AM-8:00 PM at the library, 91 Washington Ave. All Saugerties residents who are registered to vote are eligible to vote. Please support our library. “Libraries are among our nation’s most democratic institutions.” ~ Stacey AbramsThe **SDC** [**Dinner & Dance Fundraiser**](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sdc4elections) will be held on Thursday, September 9, from 6:00-8:30 PM at the Cantine Field Pavilion. The $30 ticket includes dinner, wine, beer, or nonalcoholic drinks, dessert, dancing to Pops & the Weasels and more. Ulster County Board of Elections and Ulster County Clerk’s Office will launch its [**Voting for Kids Activity Packet**](https://ulstercountyalive.com/calendar/persen-patriot-day-sept-11) in honor of Patriots Day (Sept. 11) at the [Matthewis Persen House Museum](https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house/about) (74 John St., Kingston) from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Ulster County Salutes Our Heroes** will honor survivors, first-responders, and those who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The memorial will take place at the Ulster County Fair Grounds in New Paltz on September 9 from 4:00-9:00 PM and will feature speakers and music. Donations will be accepted to benefit [Hope for Heroes Project](https://heroeshope.org/). In Saugerties, **9/11 Salute to Uniformed Public Service & the 20th Anniversary Ceremony** will be held at Cantine Veterans Memorial Complex from 6:00-7:00 PM. The public is invited.September is **Hunger Action Month**. [Feeding America](https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/hunger-action-month) encourages everyone to volunteer, donate, and raise awareness to end hunger. Learn how to help in [Saugerties](http://saugertiesfoodpantry.com/) or in the [County](https://www.ulstercorps.org/agencies/food-pantries/). |